2004

GOIN' PLATINUM

High Plains Community

High Plains Community Schools

205 W Pearl
Clarks

GOING PLATINUM

418 3rd Street
Hordville

345 S Pine
Polk

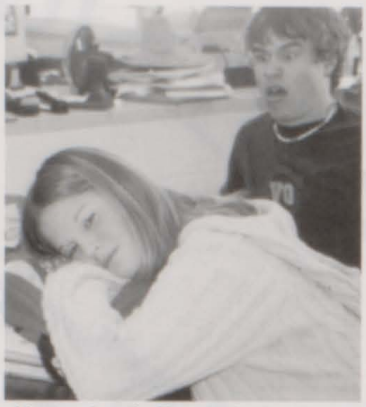
271 South Pine
Polk

Volume IV

People In HPC

Who's Who in our school?

Right: **Garrison Swanson**, **Prudence Page**, and **Ryan Rathjen** are all monkeying around.



Above: **Austin Person** looks disgusted at the fact that **Kendra Stevens** is almost asleep. Or maybe it's a monster, Austin declined on commenting.

Right: **Kayla Roberts** and **Christina Rhodes** look really nice while the **Chris Thornton** and **Justin Blase** try to "crash" the picture.

Prudence Page and **Jessica Braasch** seem to be the only ones to know that there is a "reporter" in the room.

Above: **Mrs. Lott** questions **Dustin Meyer's** work while he is "deep" in thought.

Above far right: The softball girls have fallen but it will take a group effort to try to get up.

Right: **Corinna Vrbka** and **Lindsay Garrett** pose for this picture as if they were trying to say "Aren't we cute?"

Top left: The High Plains Community fans toss up a fist at the competition.

Below left: "What are you thinking about **Hana Lindburg**?" The other students seem to be involved in the assembly.

Below: **Krystal Ditloff** and **Erin Hammond** smiles really big for this photo.

Above: High Plains Community student body tries to listen as the rules are being laid down.

Left: **Dillon Nielsen**, **Trevor Labarge**, and **Cody Means**, are really trying to ruin **Meghan Hammond's** and **Krystal Ditloff's** girl time.

High School

Class of 2007

Frankie Anderson

Nicholas Beck

Justin Blase

Jessica Braasch

Emily Buhr

Megan Burruss

Megan Carson

Heather Church

Kevin Church

Dustin Curtis

Nicole Davis

Logan Glasser

Skye Hejtmanek

Travis Kuhn

Trevor Labarge

Amanda Liegl

Hana Lindburg

Mallory McKinnis

Cody Means

Dillon Nielsen

Trent Norquest

Ryan Rathjen

Kayla Roberts

Isaac Samuelson

Todd Schulze

Kylie Shoup

Kendra Stevens

Garrison Swanson

Thomas Thies

Tara Tonniges

Jonella Yrkoski

Right: **Gary Brockevelt** and **Aly Wruble** at the homecoming dance.
Far right: **Josh Gustafson** gets the worse of the stunt from **Brent Zoucha** and **Austin Person** at the homecoming pep rally.
Bottom right: **Kelli Stevens** and **Candice Swedenburg** in the dugout of a softball game.

Class of 2005

Nathan Anderson

Vinny Bittinger

Justin Byrd

Morgan Comer

Sami Danklesen

Mistina Liegl

Levi Lindburg

Dustin Meyer

Abby Necker

Kristin Opfer

Prudence Page

Class of 2006

Brandon Bankson

Kayla Beck

Whitney Flinn

Laura Garey

Joshua Gustafson

Erin Hammond

Meghan Hammond

Heidi Hanquist

Joshua Hohnholt

Josh Hudson

Heather Klingsporn

Tiffany Kowalski

John Lindgren

Stephen Opfer

Calvin Rahrs

Lauren Redman

Christina Rhodes

Drew Rodine

Brent Scherer

Danielle Sneed

Kelli Stevens

Ashley Strobel

Haley Stromberg

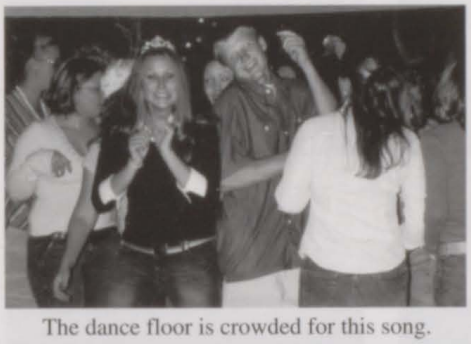
Amber Swanson

Candice Swedenburg

Christopher Thornton

Chris Ziemba

The junior class at their first class meeting listening to Mrs. Downs explain prom details.


The dance floor is crowded for this song.

Three freshmen boys in the hall again!

Brent Scherer and **Stephanie Gray** performing in the play.

Samantha Dubas

Holly Engel

Christopher Fowler

Dustin Kufeldt

Brett Kuhn

Jessica Shotkoski

Casey Sneed

Heather Steinke

Corinna Vrbka

Brent Zoucha

The dance team performs at a football game.

Class of 2004 in the 80's

Brian Beck

Adam Blase

Gary Brockevelt

Dustin Carlson

Sadie Church

Tiffany Crouch

Krystal Ditloff

Lindsay Garrett

Stephanie Gray

Jesse Hammond

Ivy Hetmanek

Katie Holorf

Lindsey Johansen

Nichole Labarge

Sara Lott

Eric Menke

Andrew Mundt

Austin Person

Anthony Shively

Sara Sweet

Shane Taylor

Donna Wilson

Alyson Wruble

Kyle Yrkoski

Brian Beck

Adam Blase

Gary Brockevelt

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Sara Lott

Eric Menke

Andrew Mundt

Austin Person

Anthony Shively

Sara Sweet

Shane Taylor

Donna Wilson

Alyson Wruble

Kyle Yrkoski

Class of 2004

Flower

White Rose tipped with Teal

Song

Small Town

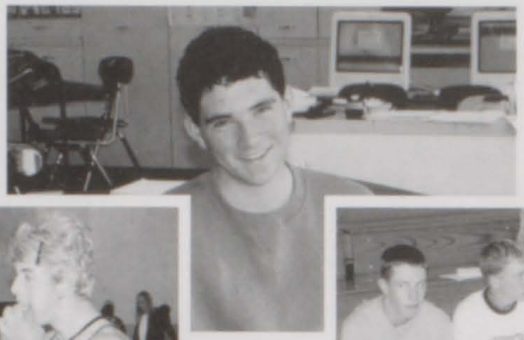
Color

Teal, Black and Silver

Motto

What appears to be the end may really be a new beginning.

Left: **Sara Sweet** and **Donna Wilson** will never grow up.
Right: **Tiffany Crouch**, **Krystal Ditloff**, and **Ivy Hejtmanek** decided to lay back for this day of school.
Below middle: **Eric Menke** doesn't really like pictures but being in the yearbook class has its disadvantages.



So, **Brian Beck** and **Jesse Hammmond,** what were you thinking?

We fortunately caught the elusive three in a shot that will baffel **Adam Blase**, **Dustin Carlson**, and **Shane Taylor**.

Gary Brockevelt, "What are you doing to **Kyle Yrkoski**?" We'll just ask Andrew Mundt.

This year has been filled with surprises. Many of us are really starting to wonder what is next...? As the class of 2004, we would like to remind the next graduating class that time flies, so remember to cherish what you have. Oh and "Have fun!!!"

Class officers were elected as follows: Jesse Hammond president, Austin Person vice president, Anthony Shively secretary, Eric Menke treasurer, and Gary Brockevelt student council representative. Meetings were held and decisions were made. The only thing left is to graduate.

Class of 2004

Left: **Austin Person** and **Jesse Hammond** all admire **Anthony Shively** as he gives his crowd pleasing speech.
Above: **Andrew Mundt**, **Austin Person**, and **Gary Brockevelt** are all very busy while **Stephanie Gray** would rather be playing peek-a-boo.
Right: **Krystal Ditloff** is screaming as **Austin Person** takes her for a spin.

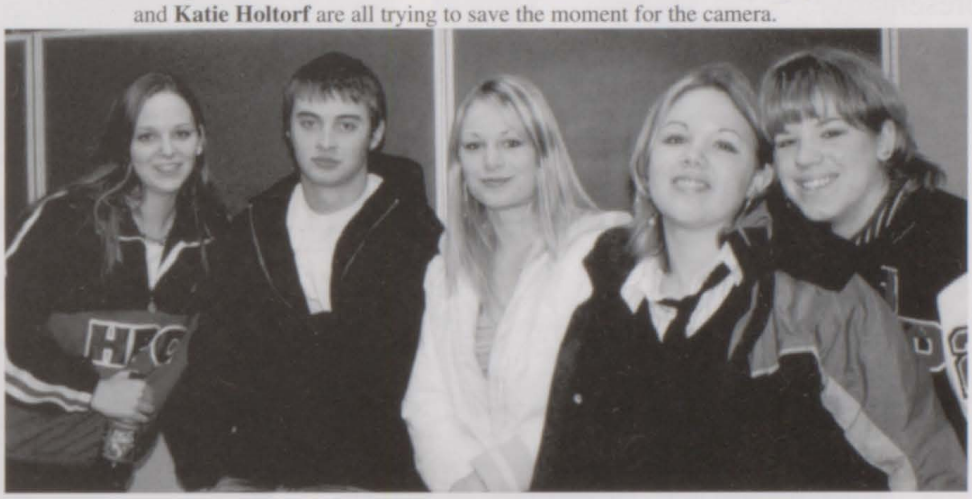
Seniors

Stephanie Gray, **Lindsey Johansen**, **Lindsay Garrett, Krystal Ditloff**, and **Sara Lott** get nice and cozy for a special picture at their final homecoming dance.

Aly Wruble and **Nichole Labarge** seem to be enjoying thier time out of class.

Below: **Brian Beck** takes some time to think.

Below: **Stephanie Gray**, **Jesse Hammond**, **Donna Wilson**, **Nichole Labarge**, and **Katie Holtorf** are all trying to save the moment for the camera.



We finally got you! Smile, **Kyle Yrkoski.**

Ivy Hejtmanek, **Tiffany Crouch**, and **Katie Holtorf** smile real big, it is your last year.

Sara Sweet and **Sadie Church** are really enjoying this class!

~JuNiOrS~

This year's juniors had no problem keeping themselves busy all year. In addition to planning and decorating for prom, they had to get all of the hard classes out of the way, and start thinking about their future. The juniors sold magazines at the beginning of the year, to help raise money for prom. The biggest decision to make was how to spend all that money on the decorations they want for the highly anticipated prom night.

The class officers were: Holly Engel - President, Levi Lindburg - Vice President, Casey Sneed - Secretary, Vinny Bittinger - Treasurer, Samantha Dubas - Student Council Representative.

Above: **Vinny Bittinger** shows off his super-cool hat while working concessions at a softball game. Right: Is **Brett Kuhn** showing his school spirit, or just showing his inner self?

Holly Engel, Heather Steinke, Abby Necker, Corinna Vrbka, Morgan Comer, Prudence Page, and **Samantha Dubas** sit in boredom in their science class.

Kristin Opfer, Abby Necker, and **Heather Steinke** take time out of American History class to pose for a picture.

Levi Lindburg (left) is out loitering in the halls, when he ought to be in class getting an education, and **Brent Zoucha** (right) has been attacked by a balloon full of shaving cream.

Dustin Kufeldt (right) and **Nate Anderson** (right) love class so much, you can just see the joy in their faces.

Vinny Bittinger and **Chris Fowler** contemplating what kind of trouble they can get into today.

Brent Zoucha, Vinny Bittinger, Holly Engel, Samantha Dubas, and **Justin Byrd** work together to try to untangle the rope as fast as they can during homecoming week.

Justin Byrd gets ready to stuff his mouth with marshmallows for a relay race during homecoming week.

Jessie Shotkoski and **Tiffany Swanson** get in the Christmas spirit.

Sami Danklesen and **Casey Sneed** little kids at heart.

Class Of 2005

The juniors here look excited about the class meeting where Mrs. Downs explains magazine sales and everything they must do for prom.

Prudence Page (top) and **Samantha Dubas** (middle) are busy working on their art projects, but **Dustin Meyer** would rather express his artistic side by wearing a bucket on his head.

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Josh Hohnholt participates in a lunchroom game where he had to knock the ball off the bottle without knocking over the bottle.

Below: Smile **Amber Swanson** and **Whitney Flinn**, the camera loves ya!!

Josh Hudson and **Chris Ziemba**, are you working?

Haley Stromberg, **Christian Rhodes**, and **Larey Garey**, the lunchtime gang.

Dani Sneed trys her skill at the bottle game.

Sophomores

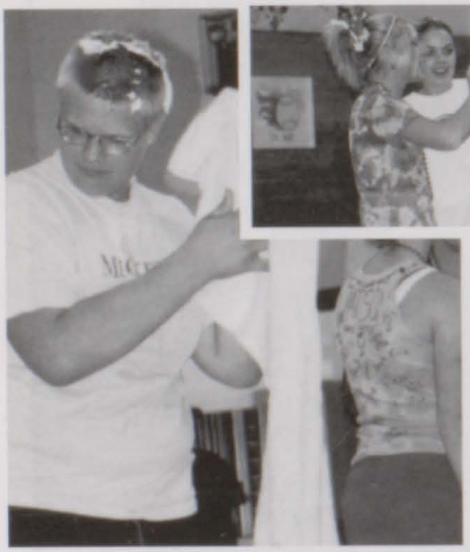
As fellow sophomores we would like to say it is fun to play the limbo game. We aren't just getting here and we haven't been here forever. Yes, we know that we rock but being in the middle, that is another case. Although we love where we are now, next year leads to new heights.

Class officers were elected at the class meeting held in August. President: Chris Ziemba, Vice-President: Candice Swedenburg, Secretary: Kayla Beck, Treasurer: Brandon Bankson, and Student Council Representative Erin Hammond.

One activity was planned for the year; selling pizza at a football game. At least its a start to raising money for next year.

Heidi Hanquist working on a project. Lookin' good,Heidi!.

Kayla Beck, thats illegal... you are having too much fun in school!



Josh Gustafson (top) wonders if he can trust the seniors, while **Calvin Rahrs** says "Obviously not."

Heather Klingsporn and **Meghan Hammond** got spirit, yes they do, they got spirit, how 'bout you?

Laura Garey and **Haley Stromberg** show off the masterpiece while **Chris Thornton** shows off his love for the Midwesterners gang.

Erin Hammond, **Candice Swedenburg, Lauren Redman**, and **Ashley Strobel** pause from their loitering in the halls to take a picture.

Tiffany Kowalski, Haley Stromberg and **Christina Rhodes** being "Superstars!"

Sophomores take time out of their lunch break to snap a photo for their high school memories.

Class of 2006

Freshmen

Below: **Ryan Rathjen** and **Mrs. Gilson.** This is one reason why Mrs. Gilson is truly afraid to come to school everyday.

Right: Is **Todd Schulze** unleashed, or is he just expressing his true feeling's of Mr. Walford's Keyboarding class?

Right: A group of Freshmen during Homecoming week observing the eating relay race during noon.

Right below: **Frankie Anderson**, **Todd Schulze**, **Kendra Stevens**, **Tara Tonniges**, and **Skye Hejtmanek** posing for a group picture. The problem with this picture is, why does it seem like Todd Schulze is plotting a devious plan? The only question is...what?

The first order of business for the Freshmen class is to elect officers. The following were chosen at their class meeting. Justin Blase-President, Tara Tonniges-Vice President, Isaac Samuelson-Secretary, Nic Beck-Treasurer, and Travis Kuhn-Student Council Representative.

Not much happens for this class during their first year in the high school. When asked about their year Justin Blase said, "It's gone by fast, and hope there's more snow days." Jessica Braasch had this to say, "This year is going by fast and I'm havin' fun!" Logan Glasser learned an important lesson during football and stated, "Never close your eyes during a tackling drill." Ryan Rathjen might have had the best advice with "You never know until you try. So go for it." Thomas Thies had a different view and said "Thank god it is almost over." Garrison Swanson summed up the year with this quote, "Friends, wedgies, and rhinos...peanut butter, oh and one more thing...class of 2007 rules!

Left: **Jonella Yrkoski** and **Emily Buhr** posing for a picture during Keyboarding class.

Right: **Isaac Samuelson** and **Travis Kuhn**. Come on Travis Kuhn, smile for the camera. It's not like it'll take your soul.

Below: **Heather Church**, **Kylie Shoup**, and **Megan Carson** taking time to show their smiles.

Right: First day of school for the Freshmen class, having a class meeting to elect officers.

Left: **Ryan Rathjen** way in the back says: "Let me be president".

Class of 2007

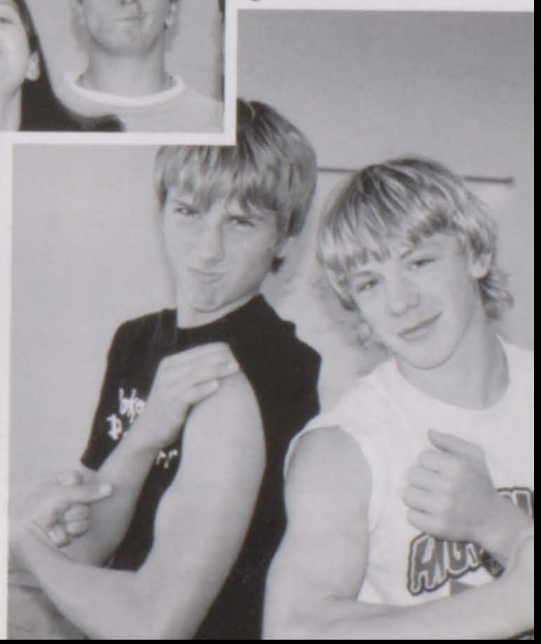
Below: "**Nic Beck**, can you say Superstar?"

Below: **Todd Schulze** and **Travis Kuhn** showing off their muscles..."aren't we egotistic!"

Top left: **Ryan Rathjen**, **Cody Means**, and **Kevin Church** having Art class in the hallway.

Top right: "**Kayla Roberts** and **Justin Blase** up to something, we're sure!"

Top: "**Trevor Labarge**, can you give us directions on how to avoid school?"



8th Grade

Matthew Anderson

Randy Armagost

Anthony Beck

Denise Carlstrom

Caleb Church

Erin Davis

Joseph Ditloff

Jesse Dubas

Brooke Engel

Grant Friesen

Nicholas Gustafson

Sarah Hammond

Amanda Hanquist

Nate Hoffman

Kyle Hohnholt

Hiliary Kortum

Matthew Lampshire

David Oliver

Michael Opfer

Garrett Reimers

Jeremiah Reyner

Trevor Schnabel

Sarah Staniec

Sean Steinke

Lacey Stromberg

Brittany Swanson

Sonja Swanstrom

Alison Veburg

Talus Vest

Clete Vrbka

Danika Wirrick

Margo Wurtz

Middle School

Middle School students dressed up on Halloween Day.

Mary Ziemba

Girls singing at the Christmas concert.

On Veteran's Day all the students said the Pledge of Allegiance and had a demonstration in folding the American flag by the flag pole.

6th graders in Art class.

Jacob Armagost

Terry Bankson

Aaron Blase

Erin Blase

Brett Church

Adam Danklesen

Grace Edson

Jasmine Epperly

Josh Fitzgerald

Ashley Fleming

Joseph Fowler

Rebecca Geidel

Corbey Grause

Britny Kava

Malynda Kowalski

Tanner Kuhn

Haley Menke

Carl Rahrs

Tyler Rathjen

Heather Reimers

Luke Samuelson

Thania Sanchez

Cheyanne Schultz

Calvin Shively

Haley Strobel

Anna Swanson

Donald Wilson

6th Grade

Amanda Burruss

Jason Church

Destiney Curtis

Arianna DeMary

Coutney Doremus

Evan Graves

Jonathon Hanquist

Bryan Hohnholt

Jared Hollenbeck

Lacey Jarecke

Courtney Johnson

Jacob Kennedy

Shelby Labarge

Hannah Lott

Dawn Matson

Wyatt Miller

Johnathon Oliver

Katrina Quick

Joshua Reyner

Tricia Roberts

Jamee Scherer

Rachel Shotkoski

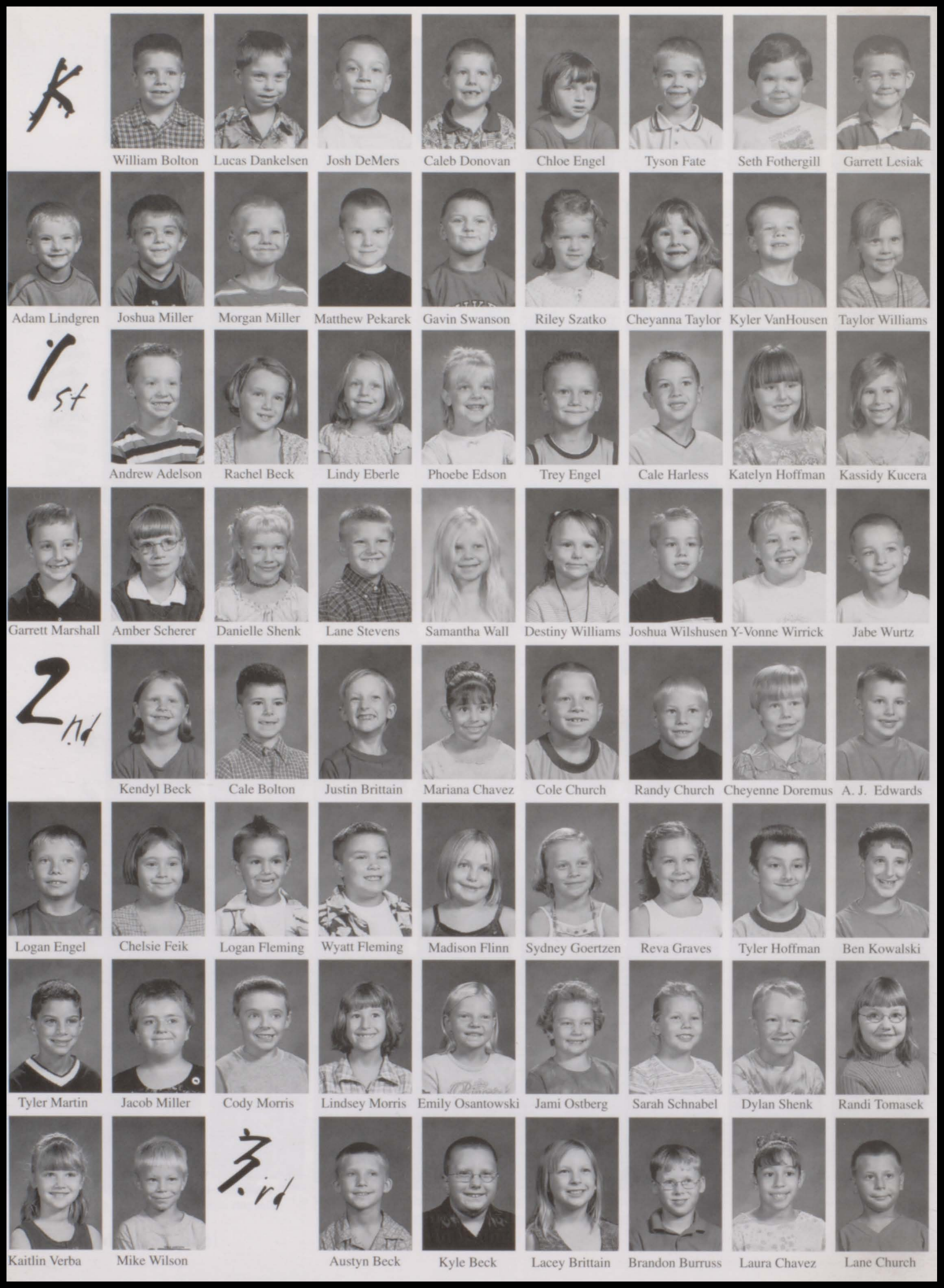
William Stearns

Kory Stevens

Jason Vincent

Robert Wilson

7th Grade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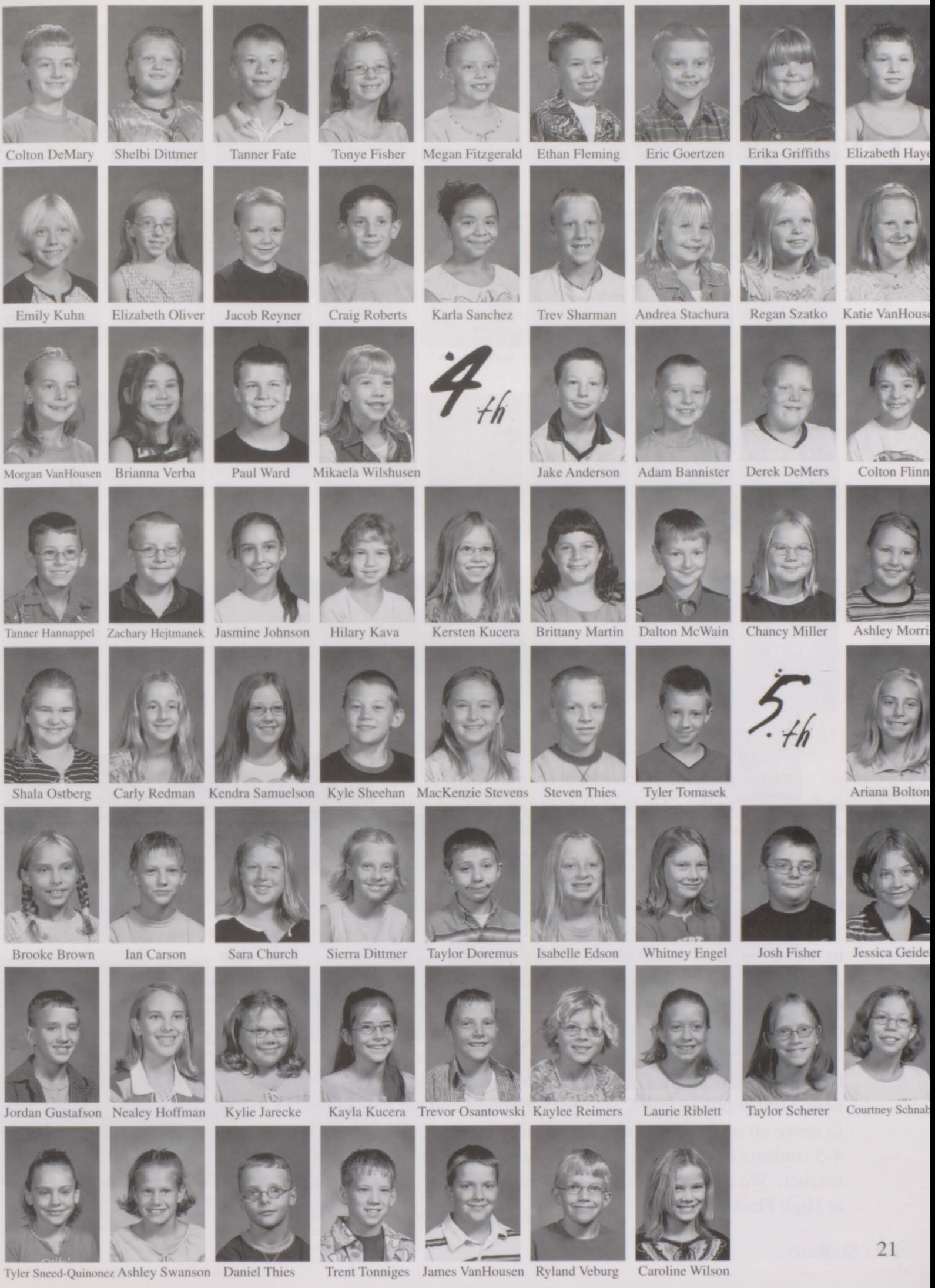
William Bolton
Lucas Dankelsen
Josh DeMers
Caleb Donovan
Chloe Engel
Tyson Fate
Seth Fothergill
Garrett Lesiak
Adam Lindgren
Joshua Miller
Morgan Miller
Matthew Pekarek
Gavin Swanson
Riley Szatko
Cheyanna Taylor
Kyler VanHousen
Taylor Williams
1st
Andrew Adelson
Rachel Beck
Lindy Eberle
Phoebe Edson
Trey Engel
Cale Harless
Katelyn Hoffman
Kassidy Kucera
Garrett Marshall
Amber Scherer
Danielle Shenk
Lane Stevens
Samantha Wall
Destiny Williams
Joshua Wilshusen
Y-Vonne Wirrick
Jabe Wurtz
2nd
Kendyl Beck
Cale Bolton
Justin Brittain
Mariana Chavez
Cole Church
Randy Church
Cheyenne Doremus
A. J. Edwards
Logan Engel
Chelsie Feik
Logan Fleming
Wyatt Fleming
Madison Flinn
Sydney Goertzen
Reva Graves
Tyler Hoffman
Ben Kowalski
Tyler Martin
Jacob Miller
Cody Morris
Lindsey Morris
Emily Osantowski
Jami Ostberg
Sarah Schnabel
Dylan Shenk
Randi Tomasek
3rd
Kaitlin Verba
Mike Wilson
Austyn Beck
Kyle Beck
Lacey Brittain
Brandon Burruss
Laura Chavez
Lane Church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Tanner Fate
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Eric Goertzen
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Elizabeth Hayd
Emily Kuhn
Elizabeth Oliver
Jacob Reyner
Craig Roberts
Karla Sanchez
Trev Sharman
Andrea Stachura
Regan Szatko
Katie VanHouse
Morgan VanHousen
Brianna Verba
Paul Ward
Mikaela Wilshusen
4th
Jake Anderson
Adam Bannister
Derek DeMers
Colton Flinn
Tanner Hannappel
Zachary Hejtmanek
Jasmine Johnson
Hilary Kava
Kersten Kucera
Brittany Martin
Dalton McWain
Chancy Miller
Ashley Morri
5th
Shala Ostberg
Carly Redman
Kendra Samuelson
Kyle Sheehan
MacKenzie Stevens
Steven Thies
Tyler Tomasek
Ariana Bolton
Brooke Brown
Ian Carson
Sara Church
Sierra Dittmer
Taylor Doremus
Isabelle Edson
Whitney Engel
Josh Fisher
Jessica Geide
Jordan Gustafson
Nealey Hoffman
Kylie Jarecke
Kayla Kucera
Trevor Osantowski
Kaylee Reimers
Laurie Riblett
Taylor Scherer
Courtney Schnab
Tyler Sneed-Quinonez
Ashley Swanson
Daniel Thies
Trent Tonniges
James VanHousen
Ryland Veburg
Caroline Wilson

Administration

Sandra Anderson
4th Grade

Karol Bankson-Recknor
Speech Pathologist

Terri Beck
4th Grade

Vickie Beck
Computer/Media

Karen Benner
Reading/English

Annette Branting
Custodian

Dale Buller
Principal

Bonnie Campbell
5th Grade

Rod Drews
Music/Band

Angie Eberle
Special Education

Cheryl Fowler
Secretary/Bus Driver

Darlene Fowler
Cook

Anne Garrett
English/Math

Linda Gilson
Family & Consumer Science

Marla Glasser
Aide

Dennis Gray
Superintendent

Dianne L'Heureux
3rd Grade

Kelly Lesiak
2nd Grade

Karyee LeSuer
Principal

Mike Lind
5th Grade

Dorla Lindburg
3rd Grade

Frances Lott
Art

Leigh Metcalf
Spanish

Steve Meyer
Physical Education

Chris Thoms
Physical Education

Debra Ueckert
1st Grade

Lea Veburg
Aide

Pat Vest
Math/Computer

Andy Vrbka
Social Studies

Jodie Vrbka
Secretary

Don Walford
Business

Donna Werner
Custodian

Changes took place this year in the area of staff and administrators. Three staff members retired at the end of the year. Mrs. Downs, the Math teacher for the last 33 years started her teaching career at Hordville High School in 1973 and has continued to teach through both mergers here at High Plains. After five years at Clarks and High Plains, Mr Buller decided to retire. He has been in education for the last 41 years. Sandra Anderson also retired. She started teaching kindergarten at Hordville in 1976 which she has taught for 15 years, moved to 5th for 12 years and 4th grade for one year during her 28 years of service to our district.

Sandy Anderson at the retirement tea held for the teachers leaving.

Principal **Dale Buller** retired after spending 41 years in the education field.

We gained an English teacher. Kelly Potter joined the staff for her first year of teaching. Other changes made during the year was a new disciple policy, PIPS, was put into place and the board decided to move all of the K-3 students to Clarks for next year and place the 4-5 students in Polk. This change resulted in eliminating an elementary teacher. We are sorry to say that Bonnie Campbell loss her job here at High Plains.

Math teacher, **Michelle Downs** took a brief moment from checking homework papers to smile at the camera.

and Staff

Becky Carlstrom
Aide

Barbara Church
Secretary

Dale Church
Custodian

Eugene Cotter
Science

Harold
Cunningham
Guidance

Ilene Dearking
Family &
Consumer Science

Linda Dittmer
Cook

Michele Downs
Math

Janna Gustfason
Aide

Peggy Holtorf
Special Education

Cameron Hudson
Math/Geography

Holly Hudson
1st Grade

Marjorie Johnson
Cook

Sharon Johnson
Cook

LeAnn Karmann
Title 1

Keith Killion
Social Studies/Art

Linda Necker
Custodian

Keith Nielsen
Voc. Agriculture

James Pekarek
Science

Loretta Pollard
Aide

Kelly Potter
English

Sandra Quiring
Music

Laura Senff
Kindergarten

Elizabeth Sizer
2nd Grade

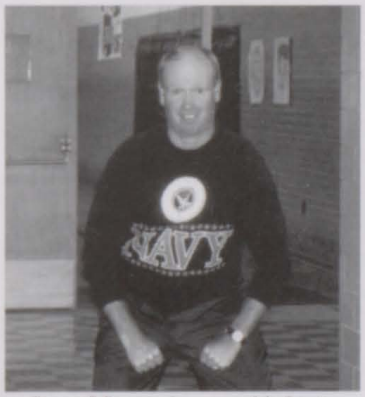
Diane Wiese
English/Reading/
Title I

Pat Wilson
Cook

Kelly Potter, the new English teacher trys to hide out of sight from the camera. But we got ya!

School Board members: (front row) **Kurt Kuhn, Jamey Beck, and Becky VanHousen**(back row) **Brian Samuelson, Dave Beck, Linda Yrkoski.**

Harry Cunningham smiles for the camera.


Steve Meyer shows us his best stance.

Karol Bankson-Recknor making sure **Dustin Carlson** gets to the right room for the period.

Linda Gilson gets caught in a picture, she is usually the one taking the pictures.

Jody Vrbka, the high school secretary answers yet another call.

Sports In HPC

Who's Who in Sports?

Top Five Favorites For The Year

Sports

5. Track
4. Softball
3. Football
2. Volleyball
1. Basketball

Sports Team

5. 76ers
4. Packers
3. Huskers
2. Lakers
1. HPC Storm

Athlete

5. Brett Farve
4. Shaq
3. Michael Jordan
2. Lebron James
1. Iverson

Athletic Clothing

5. K-Swiss
4. And 1
3. Dada
2. Nike
1. Adidas

SOFTBALL

Back: Asst. Coach Todd Gardner, Hana Lindburg, Sadie Church, Jonella Yrkoski, Sara Sweet, Erin Hammond, Christina Rhodes, Holly Engel, Prudence Page, Head Coach Cameron Hudson. Front: Kristin Opfer, Krystal Ditloff, Candice Swedenburg, Kelli Stevens, Ashley Strobel, Samantha Dubas, Kayla Beck.

SCOREBOARD

HPC	School	OPP.
0	Fillmore Centrall	8
9	Thayer Central	0
9	Cross County	2
0	Wayne	10
6	Cross County	2
6	Boone Central	7 (8 innings)
0	David City	10
2	Fillmore Central	11
4	Boone Central	5
10	Thayer Central	1
3	Boone Central	6
6	Twin River	2
4	GINW	8
11	Twin River	0
17	Adams Central	0
2	Wahoo	4
0	David City	7
9	Twin River	3
12	Cross County	8
0	David City	10

Final Records:

Varsity 9-11 **J.V. 9-1**

Holly Engel, **Erin Hammond**, and **Kayla Beck** ready for the inning cheer.

The heart of the team, "The Infield"

Jonella Yrkoski showing us her running form.

Krystal Ditloff and **Ashley Strobel** recovering a throw down to second.

Post Season Honors:
Samantha Dubas- All- Nebraska Honorable Mention, All-State Honorable Mention, All-Academic.
Sadie Church- All Nebraska Honorable Mention, All-State Honorable Mention.

Kelli Stevens tagging a runner in a J.V. game

Time to say Goodbye to our Seniors

Senior **Sadie Church** doing the job behind the plate.

Senior **Krystal Ditloff** ready at short stop.

Senior **Sara Sweet** hurls one down to the plate.

Candice Swedenburg getting base running strategy from Coach Gardner.

Our Seniors giving their speeches at a pep rally.

Kristin Opfer blowing smoke.

The High Plains softball team opened up the season with a new coach and the loss of some key players, but still pulled it off.

"We had an exciting season. Our schedule included games against ranked teams and we played very well. We set a school record with 9 wins and proved to many people that we could be very competitive. We accomplished this through hard work each and every day", stated Coach Hudson.

By using the Pyramid of Success, it pulled them to the top of leadership and success. The Storm pulled out the bats this year and set new records.

B E L I E V E t o A c h i e v e

Christina Rhodes keeping an eye on the ball.

Holly Engel ripping one out there.

Erin Hammond throwing the ball in.

Ashley Strobel ready for a return at 2nd base.

Kayla Beck getting set for the pitch.

Samantha Dubas pitching right down the middle.

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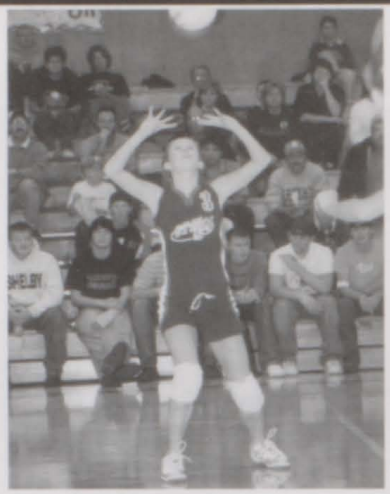
Team unity was a positive for this years Volleyball team. The girls were friends and got along on and off the court.

Goals set for the year were to improve in the serve and receive department and to improve mental toughness. Volleyball is such a mental game, but heading into districts coach Hudson stated that the team was "exactly where we need to be at the end of the year, and that's on top of our game."

An ankle injury for Stephanie Gray late in the year was a blow but to team adjusted well with her out of the lineup.

Year end stats showed Lindsay Garrett leading in kills, with 138, and Stephanie Gray and Morgan Comer following with 99 and 87 respectively. Lindsay also lead in the ace services having 26 while Corinna Vrbka closely followed with 21. Morgan Comer lead the way with 67 solo blocks followed by Stephanie Gray and Meghan Hammond having 40 and 32 respectively.

The season ended with a 8-15 record for the varsity team and 6-2 for the junior varsity team.



Lauran Redman setting the ball

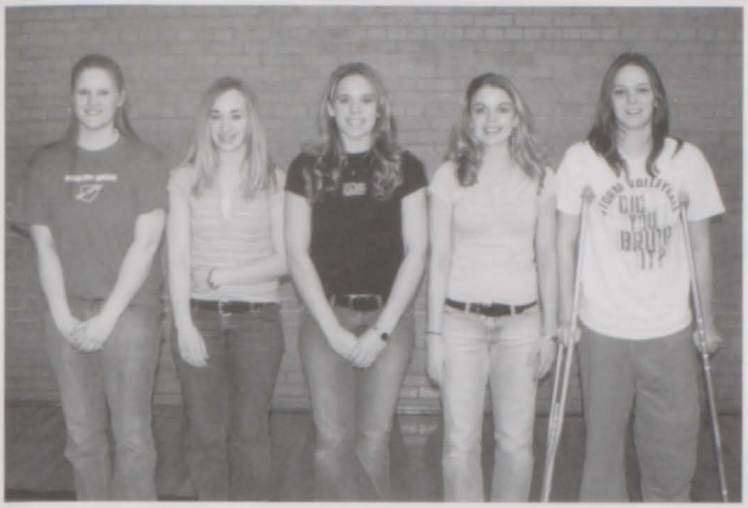
Morgan Comer goes up and spikes the ball.

Lindsey Garrett slams down the ball.

Corinna Vrbka watches as she sets the ball.

Back row: Head Coach Holly Hudson, Kyle Shoup, Frankie Anderson, Emily Buhr, Megan Carson, Tara Tonniges, Heather Church, Skye Hejtmanek, Laura Senff Assistant Coach.
Middle row: Heidi Hanquist, Lauran Redman, Kendra Stevens, Heather Steinke, Abby Necker, Meghan Hammond, Heather Klingsporn. Front row: Morgan Comer, Lindsay Johansen, Lindsey Garrett, Stphanie Gray, Sara Lott, Corinna Vrbka.

Volleyball



Post-season honors: **Abby Necker**-All Acedemic Team; **Heather Steince**-All Acedemic Team; **Lindsay Garrett**-All Acedemic Team, CRC Honerable Mention, CRC All Star Volleyball Game, All Heartland Honorable Mention, All State Honorable Mention; **Lindsey Johansen-**All Acedemic Team; **Stephanie Gray**-All Acedemic Team.

SCOREBOARD

HPC	School	OPP
1	Giltner	2
0	Heartland	2
2	NE Christian	1
1	Palmer	2
2	Cedar Rapids	1
0	Cross County	2
2	East Butler	0
1	Lindsay H. F.	2
2	St. Edward	0
0	Dorchester	2
1	McCool	2
2	Rising City	0
0	Meridian	2
0	Hampton	2
0	Shickley	2
0	Exeter/Milligan	2
0	Clay Center	2
2	Rising City	2
0	Exeter/Milligan	2
2	NE Lutheran	0
2	Osceola	1
2	Shelby	1
0	Osceola	2

Final Record 8-15

Stephanie Gray (left) and **Lindsey Johansen** (right) ready to receive the serve.

Heather Steinke determined to return the ball with **Meghan Hammond** to back her up.

Coach Holly Hudson and other team members reacts to the play.

Football

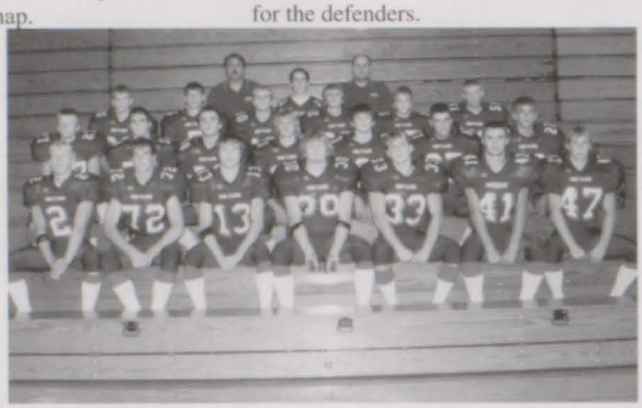
Dustin Meyer intent on what the coach is saying to him.

Levi Lindburg and **Dustin Meyer** set and ready for the snap.

Brett Kuhn keeps an eye out for the defenders.

Varsity players, **Austin Person**, **Anthony Shively**, **Brett Kuhn**, and **Brian Beck** celebrating on the sidelines when the JV players took their place.

Coach Vrbka and **Coach Thoms** having a little chat with the boys on the sidelines.



Fourth row: Head Coach Andy Vrbka, Student Manager Clete Vrbka, Asstistant Coach Chris Thoms. Third row: Logan Glasser, Isaac Samuelsen, Justin Blase, Todd Shultze, Thomas Thies, Trent Norquest. Second row: Chris Ziemba, Josh Gustafson, Brent Scherer, Travis Kuhn, Josh Hudson, Dustin Kufeldt, Drew Rodine. First row: Brett Kuhn, Dustin Meyer, Austin Person, Brian Beck, Levi Lindburg, Jesse Hammond, Anthony Shively.

Isaac Samuelson handed off to **Thomas Thies** while the line block

Austin Person gets the handoff from **Brent Kuhn**.

Anthony Shively tackles a Palmer player.

Josh Hudson drops back and looks down field for the pass.

Jesse Hammond takes a rest waitin for the next play while **Brain Beck** takes a look across the line.

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Post season honors were won by: **Levi Lindburg**-All-District 1st team Offensive End; **Brett Kuhn**-All-District 2nd team Running Back & Denfensie Back, All-District Honorable Mention Quarterback, All-Heartland Honorable Meniton Quarterback, Associated Press All-State Honorable Mention; **Austin Person**-All-District 2nd team Running Back & Defensive Back, All-Heartland 2nd team Defensive Safety; **Chris Ziemba**-All-District honorablre Mention Defensive Line; **Jesse Hammond**-All-District 2nd team Defensive Line.

The boys hold their helmets high after the game in celebration.

Dustin Kufeldt calls the play as he focuses on the block.

Josh Gustafson blocks a NE Christian player.

SCOREBOARD

HPC		OPP
20	Exeter-Milligan	32
24	NE Lutheran	16
0	NE Christian	46
20	Greeley/Wolbach	50
44	Palmer	22
12	Clarkson	22
50	Spalding/Sp.Acad	20
14	Shelby	34

Varsity Final Record: 2-6

JV Final Record: 3-2

Drew Rodine plows ahead with **Travis Kuhn** blocking to gain yardage.

Coach Vrbka summarized the football season stating "this bunch of guys played with a lot of heart and a lot of emotion and they worked hard from day one." The team ended the year with 3 wins and 5 losses, but coach says "you can't judge a team only by its final record. Of the five losses four were to state qualifiers.

Austin Person lead the team in yards gained, 656, and tackles, 38 solo and 98 assists. Brett Kuhn had 547 yards. Levi Lindburg hauled down 29 passes for 388 yards. Brian Beck, Jesse Hammond and Anthony Shively were also great team players. As a team, the Storm had 2,001 yards of total offense and averaged 23 points a game while allowing 28.

Boys Basketball

The High Plains Boys Basketball team played a very exciting style of basketball during the season. Every member of the team was committed to improving their game and doing the little things that it takes to win games. A very tough schedule provided for a stiff challenge every game. This team did not back down from anyone and played their best basketball at the end of the season. Coach Hudson stated that he enjoyed watching this group grow as both players and people and felt that they gave everything that could be asked of them.

The team huddles together for a small pep talk from Coach Hudson.

Post Season Honors. **Levi Lindburg** received CRC 1st team, All-Heartland Honorable Mention, All-State Honorable Mention, All-Nebraska Honorable Mention, and All-Area 1st team. **Austin Person** received CRC Honorable Mention, All-Area Honorable Mention, and played in the CRC/Goldenrod All-Star Game. **Brent Zoucha** received CRC Honorable Mention, and All-Area Honorable Mention.

Vinny Bittinger ready to make his pass.

Gary Brockevelt looks down the court to set up a play.

Drew Rodine looks for a chance to steal the ball from this opponent.

The High Plains Communtiy Boys Basketball team.
Front row: Trent Norquest, Todd Schulze, Justin Blase, Isaac Samuleson, Logan Glasser. Middle row: Brandon Bankson, Drew Rodine, Nate Anderson, Vinny Bittinger, Chris Ziemba, Brent Scherer, Josh Hudson. Back row: Asst. Coach Chris Thoms, Gary Brockevelt, Austin Person, Jesse Hammond, Brent Zoucha, Levi Lindburg, Shane Taylor, Head Coach Cameron Hudson.

Score Board

12-5	High Plains	57
	Meridian	67
12-6	High Plains	50
	Osceola	38
12-11	High Plains	45
	Palmer	36
12-12	High Plains	55
	Hampton	66
12-16	High Plains	45
	NE Christian	80
12-19	High Plains	53
	Rising City	51
1-2	High Plains	65
	Elgin Pope John	50
1-3	High Plains	37
	Rising City	67
1-6	High Plains	42
	Twin River	55
1-8	High Plains	52
	Dorchester	48
1-16	High Plains	45
	McCool	53
1-17	High Plains	33
	Shelby	66
1-23	High Plains	42
	Exeter-Milligan	63
1-28	High Plains	55
	Giltner	64
2-12	High Plains	55
	Cross County	41
2-13	High Plains	72
	Shickley	65
2-19	High Plains	58
	Clay Center	57
2-20	High Plains	76
	Giltner	63
2-23	High Plains	53
	Osceola	40
2-24	High Plains	45
	Greeley/Wolback	65

Final Record: 10-10

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Storm Slam Down!

Show us how to slam it down **Brent Zoucha**.

Josh Hudson slowly debates which way to go.

Nate Anderson watching to see if the ball is going into the basket.

Jesse Hammond playing aggressive defense.

Justin Blase getting set on defense.

Levi Lindburg practices his arm movement for a shot.

Isaac Samuelson coming down the court.

Coach Hudson and the bench reacting towhat is happening on the court.

Austin Person goes up for a reverse layup.

Left: **Todd Schulze** puts up a free throw.

Far Left: **Justin Blase**, **Chris Ziemba**, and **Todd Schulze** ready for defense.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Kendra Stevens searching her options.

Holly Engel passing the ball.

Heather Klingsporn shooting for two.

SCOREBOARD

12-5	HP	14
	Meridian	50
12-6	HP	30
	Osceola	44
12-11	HP	30
	Palmer	54
12-12	HP	25
	Hampton	36
12-13	HP	38
	NE Christian	47
12-19	HP	30
	Rising City	52
1-2	HP	32
	Elgin Pope John	49
1-3	HP	41
	Cedar Rapids	29
1-6	HP	34
	Twin River	46
1-8	HP	31
	Dorchester	54
1-16	HP	28
	McCool	48
1-17	HP	41
	Shelby	49
1-20	HP	30
	Giltner	59
1-23	HP	26
	Exeter-Milligan	65
1-24	HP	33
	Dorchester	65
2-12	HP	17
	Cross County	59
2-13	HP	22
	Shickley	57
2-16	HP	22
	Spalding/Sp.Ac.	48

FINAL RECORD: 1-17

Frankie Anderson thinking
"why did I commit that foul?"

Erin Hammond struggling for the ball.

Corinna Vrbka ready for the pass.

Lauren Redman and **Meghan Hammond**
getting in position.

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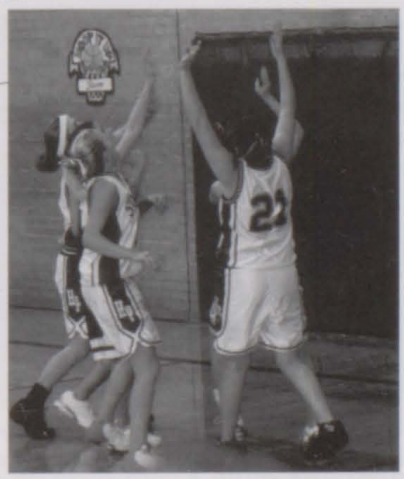
Front row: Corinna Vrbka, Lindsey Johansen, Stephanie Gray, Lindsay Garrett, Sadie Church, Holly Engel. Back row: Head Coach Andy Vrbka, Tara Tonniges, Meghan Hammond, Heather Klingsporn, Hana Lindburg, Lauren Redman, Emily Buhr, Kendra Stevens, Erin Hammond, Frankie Anderson, Mallory McKinnis, Asst. Coach Holly Hudson.

"Even though we did not win a lot of games, I believe the girls learned a valuable lesson in teamwork," Coach Vrbka said. The team was made up of 14 members. Four seniors, two juniors, four sophomores, and four freshmen. The team had a rough year winning only one game. That win was one of the highlights of the year. It was rewarded with a trophy for 3rd place in the Holiday Tournament.

The girls worked hard all year and continued to get better each week. They gained a lot of experience and teamwork. "Throughout the year, there were a lot of different girls out on the floor at any given time, so the girls had to learn to work together," Coach Vrbka stated. Lindsay Garrett led the team in three categories by scoring 122 points, 135 rebounds, and 36 free throws were made throughout the season. Sadie Church was the team's second leading scorer with 85 points, and also second in free throws with 35. Heather Klingsporn and Stephanie Gray were 3rd and 4th in rebounding with 83 and 82 respectively.

"I thought the Storm gave a great effort every night," Vrbka said about the year's team. I think all the players deserve credit for playing hard all season and not giving up," Coach Vrbka also stated. The Varsity ended with a 1-17 record and the Jr. Varsity had a 4-3 record at the end of the basketball season.

Post Season Honors for **Lindsay Garrett**. CRC Honorable Mention, CRC/Goldenrod All-Star Game, All-Heartland Honorable Mention, All-Area First Team.



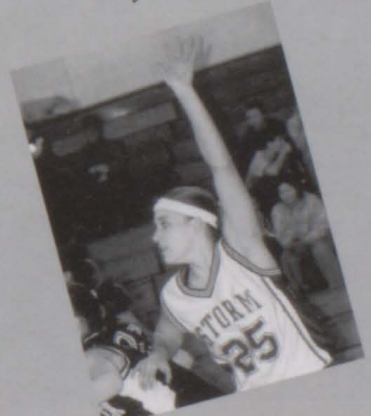
A group of girls waiting for the rebound.

GO SENIORS!

Stephanie Gray

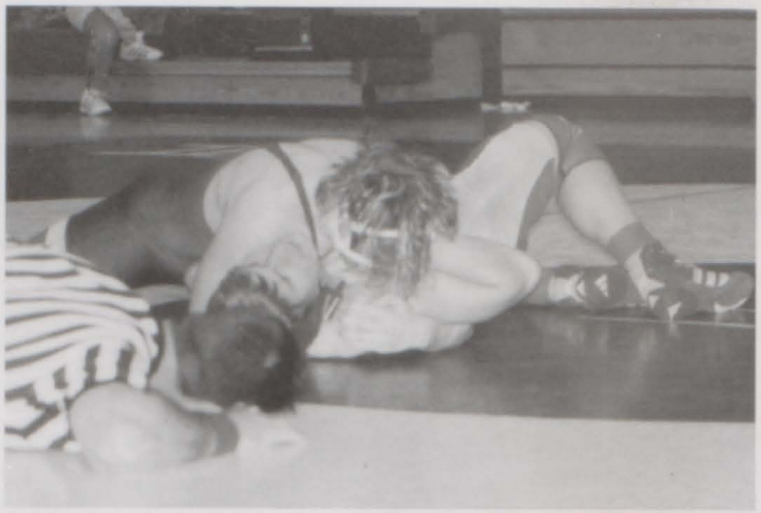
Sadie Church

Lindsey Johansen



Lindsay Garrett

Wrestling



Brian Beck pins this opponent.
He placed 2nd at districts to qualify for the state tournament.

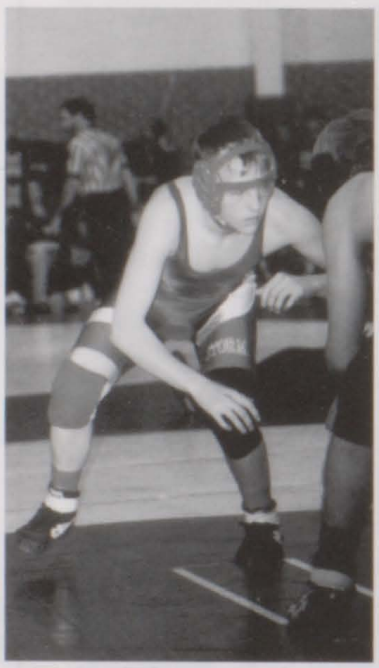
The Wrestling team capped off a successful season by sending three individuals to the state tournament. Brian Beck, Brett Kuhn, and Travis Kuhn all won this opportunity by placing at the district contest.

Brett led the team in wins, with 26, decisions, with 9, 15 pins, 61 take downs, and 31 escapes. Travis Kuhn ended the year with 25 wins, 24 take downs, and 15 pins. Brian Beck ended with 6 decisions, 14 pins and 36 take downs. Nic Beck had 4 decisions, 10 pins, 25 take downs for the season. Chris Fowler had 11 reversals, and 14 escapes for the year. The highlight of the year for Chris was placing 3rd at the Mullen Invite. Anthony Shively ended with 8 pins, 19 take downs and led the team in reversals with 22. Thomas Thies had 13 escapes for the year.

As a team the Storm finished with 75 pins, 220 take downs, 75 reversals and 104 escapes. Their team record was 122 wins and 101 losses.

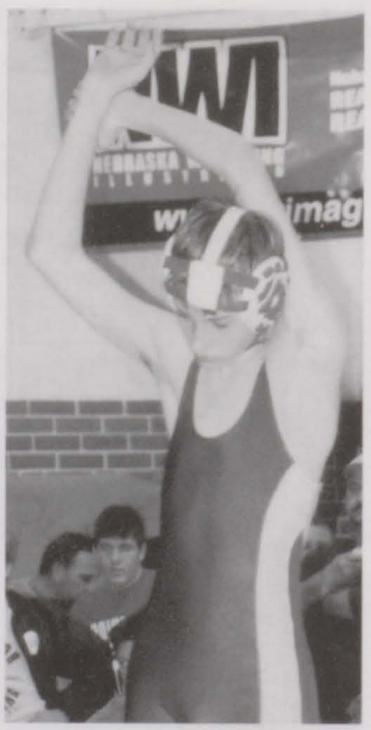
Travis Kuhn wrestling at 125 lb. He qualified for the state tournament after placing 3rd at districts. He wrestled into the 3rd round at state.

Coaches **Norm Manstedt** and **Scott Strobel** react to the Strom victory.



Thomas Thies awaiting the shot for the take down.

Brett Kuhn working his opponent to the mat. He qualified for the state tournament by placing 2nd at the district meet.



Nic Beck stretches getting ready for his match.

Go Storm

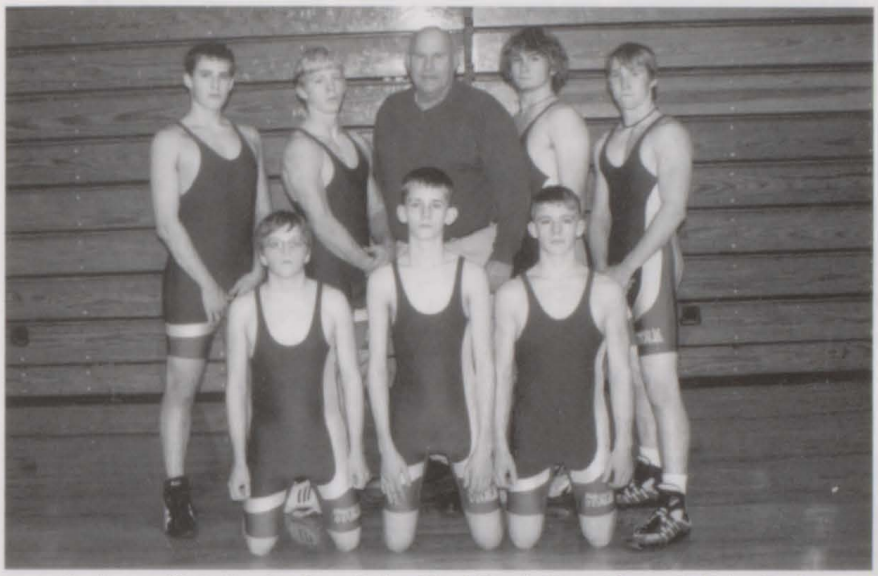
Anthony Shively working on his oppenent to win this match at 135 lbs.

Scoreboard

Omaha North Invite	12th
High Plains Quad.	1st
NE Dual Championship	4th
High Plains Triangular	1st
Wahoo Invite	8th
Cross County Invite	6th
NE Christian Dual	1st
Mullen Invite	6th
Valley Invite	8th
Districts	9th

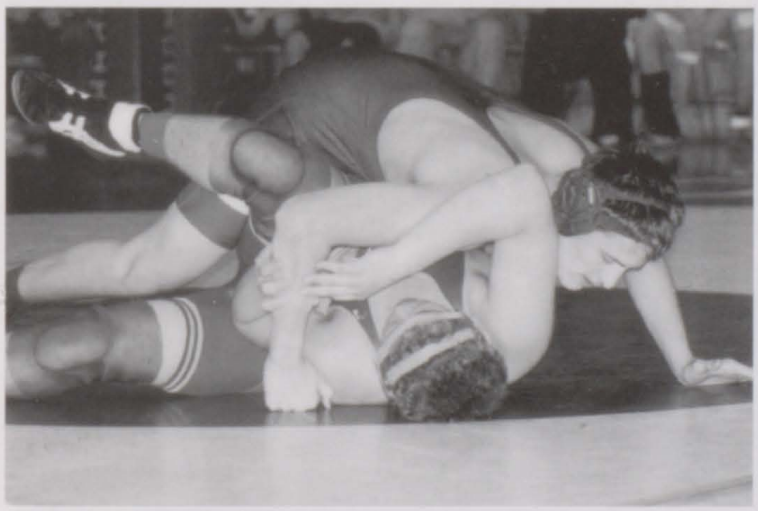
State Qualifiers

Brian Beck	189 lbs.
Brett Kuhn	152 lbs.
Travis Kuhn	119 lbs.



Back row: Chris Fowler, Brett Kuhn, Head Coach Norm Manstedt, Brian Beck, Anthony Shively. Front row: Thomas Thies, Nic Beck, Travis Kuhn. Not pictured: Asst. Coach Scott Strobel.

Brian Beck (above) and **Anthony Shively** (below) show the frustration and pain wrestler endure.



Chris Fowler getting a pin at 170 lbs.

Coach Manstedt, Coach Strobel and Mr Walford watch in frustation.

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Girl's Track

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Ashley Strobel running the 100 meter hurdles.

Frankie Anderson having no trouble running the mile.

Tara Tonniges and coaches talking to **Lauren Redman** after her run.

Hana Lindburg running the 200.

Kendra Stevens running an 800 for the relay team.

Tara Tonniges running her leg of the 4x800 relay.

Heather Church running the 100.

Lauren Redman running the 2 mile.

Back row: Hana Lindburg, Kristin Opfer, Christina Rhodes, Heather Church, Emily Buhr, Heidi Hanquist, Lauren Redman, Erin Hammond. Front row: Samantha Dubas, Ashley Strobel, Kylie Shoup, Frankie Anderson, Tara Tonniges, Krystal Ditloff, Corinna Vrbka, and Kendra Stevens.

Corinna Vrbka prepares to give the discus a little toss.

Krystal Ditloff running a new record time in the 100 and 200 meter dashs. She placed 6th in the 100 at the state meet.

Kristin Opfer getting ready to launch the discus.

SCOREBOARD

Merrick County	**No Team Score**
Cedar Rapids	**1st**
North Loup Scotia	**1st**
High Plains	**1st**
Palmer	**1st**
CRC	**2nd**
St. Edward	**1st**
Districts	**3rd**

This years' track team did exceptionally well for having 16 girls. The lone senior,Krystal Ditloff set two new school records in the 100 and 200 meter dash and also qualified for state in these two events. In the 100 she had a time of 12.5 and had a time of 26.8 in the 200. The 3200 meter relay team consisting of Tara Tonniges, Frankie Anderson, Erin Hammond and Lauren Redman set a new record with the time of 10.36 and qualifed for the state meet. The 400 meter relay also set a new record with the time of 52.2 and also qualified for state. That relay consisted of Ashley Strobel, Heather Church, Samantha Dubas and Krystal Ditloff. Samantha Dubas also qualified for state in the 300 meter hurdles. Kristin Opfer qualified for state in the discus.

The track team was very fortunate to gain Coach Pekarek for the throwers and high jumpers. Coach Meyer, Coach Walford, and Coach Pekarek were well pleased with the outcome of this year results.

Samantha Dubas running her 300 meter hurdles.

Heidi Hanquist, **Frankie Anderson**, and **Tara Tonniges** warming up on this cold track day before they have to run.

Emily Buhr throwing the shot.

Samantha Dubas landing in the sand for the long jump.

Erin Hammond leaping through the air in the triple jump.

Left: Krystal Ditloff and **Heather Church** practicing their hand off for a relay.

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Boys Track

Few but mighty. The twelve boys out for track this year came up with great results. New school records were set in the High Jump, 110 Hurdles, and the 300 Hurdles. Brett Zoucha broke his brother's high jump record with a season high of 6'5". Levi Lindburg put his name in the history book with a 15.8 time in the 110 hurdles and 40.9 time in the 300 hurdles. Both made it to state in those 3 events and Levi added the Long Jump to his state meet competition. The boys also qualified their 4x1 relay team of Levi, Brent, Brett Kuhn and Drew Rodine by placing 1st at the district meet with a time of 45.4. They finished 2nd at state with a 44.85 time. The other members on the team contributed to the great finishes they had at their meets during the season.

Coaches Steve Meyer, Jim Pekarek, and Don Walford were pleased with the year.

Back: Dustin Kufeldt, Chris Ziemba, Levi Lindburg, Brent Zoucha, John Lindgren. Front: Travis Kuhn, Justin Blase, Josh Hudson, Brett Kuhn, Drew Rodine, Logan Glasser. (not pictured: Ryan Rathjen)

Logan Glasser and **Drew Rodine** getting set for the 100 meter dash.

Brent Zoucha goes over the bar at the CRC meet. His best for the year was 6'5" to set a new school record. He qualified for the state meet in Omaha by placing 1st at districts and then tied for 3rd place at state jumping 6' 2".

Brent Zoucha, **Drew Rodine**, and **Brett Kuhn** running in the 100 meter dash at the first track meet of the year in Central City.

Above: **Logan Glasser** stretching for his jump.
Left: **Travis Kuhn** running in the 1600 meter run.

Levi Lindburg heading for the finish line in the hurdles.
He qualified for the state meet in both the 110 and 300 hurdles.
He set new school records; 40.9 in the 300 hurdles and 15.8 in the 110 hurdles.
Levi also qualified for state in the Long Jump and placed 2nd
with a jump of 21'10".

Scoreboard

Merrick County	**No Team Score**
Cedar Rapids	**5th**
North Loup Scotia	**6th**
High Plains	**5th**
Palmer	**4th**
CRC	**2nd**
St. Edward	**4th**
Districts	**4th**
State	**7th**

Travis Kuhn on his mark with **Todd Schulze** helping out holding his blocks.

Brent Zoucha hits the handoff from **Drew Rodine** in the 4x1 relay. The team of Brent, Drew, Brett Kuhn, and Levi Lindburg qualified for the state meet by placing 1st at Districts. At the state meet they place 2nd with a time of 44.85.

Ryan Rathjen throws the shot put.

Dustin Kufeldt heaves the shot put.

Josh Hudson battling for the win in the 110 meter hurdles.

Brett Kuhn jumping into the pit for the triple jump.

Justin Blase running the mile.

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Golf

The golf team saw great improvement this year. They won more matches than they have since the program began 3 years ago. Coach Keith Killion was very please with the season.

For the first time in history High Plains had a state qualifier in golf. Vinny Bittinger qualified with a round of 88, just making the cut off. At the state meet Vinny shot a 180 for the two day event.

The golf team has also increased in numbers. Each year more students decide to try this sport in the competitive field. It's a tough sport because a team only consist of 5 golfers for the meets. Most meets also have a JV division, so ten students get to compete at the meets.

Vinny Bittinger ready for his drive. Vinny qualified for the State Meet which was held in Lincoln the end of May.

SCOREBOARD

High Plains Tri	**1st**
High Plains Quad	**1st**
York J. V.	**1st**
Heartland Lutheran	**1st**
York J.V.	**2nd**
Central City	**2nd**
Osceola Invite	**9th**

Nathan Anderson check the hole placement for his chip to the green.

Dustin Meyer looking to the green for his next shot.

Brian Beck, in his cool shades, ready for his chip.

Austin Person waits under this tree while the others in his foursome take their turns.

Jesse Hammand and **Isaac Samuelson** make their up the fairway.

Nic Beck takes a look as to where is tee shot goes.

Gary Brockevelt lining up his putt.

Back row: Jesse Hammond, Dustin Meyer, Nathan Anderson, Josh Hohnholt, Vinny Bittinger, Gary Brockevelt, Garrison Swanson. Front row: Nic Beck, Isaac Samuelson, Kayla Beck. Haley Stromberg. Not pictured: Coach Keith Killion.

Garrison Swanson taking his practice swing before his putt.

Haley Stromberg ready for her drive.

Kayla Beck setting up the tie and ball for her tee off shot.

Nathan Anderson watches to see where his chip shot lands.

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CHEERLEADING

Above: Three of the freshmen cheerleaders, **Heather Church**, **Tara Tonniges**, and **Kylie Shoup**, aren't sure that the cheer goes this way.
Left: **Stephanie Gray** peeps out from behind the tarp while decorating for the homecoming dance.

Skye Hejtmanek and **Kylie Shoup** perform their dance routine at half-time of a basketball game.

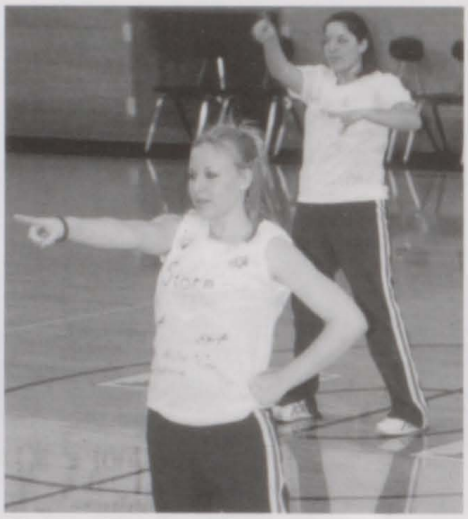
School spirit is something that is a big deal these days. Our High Plains Community high school cheerleaders have made it a point to show us that. Their hard work and persistence to shout out a cheer to the crowd is great.

This year's accomplishments included locker tags, pep rallies, candle sales for a fund-raiser, pregame snacks, and they participated in over 48 events!

They performed a dance routine during basketball and worked on their cheers weekly during the sports seasons.

The sponsors were Jodie Vrbka and Jeri Gray. They have a lot to organize during the year.

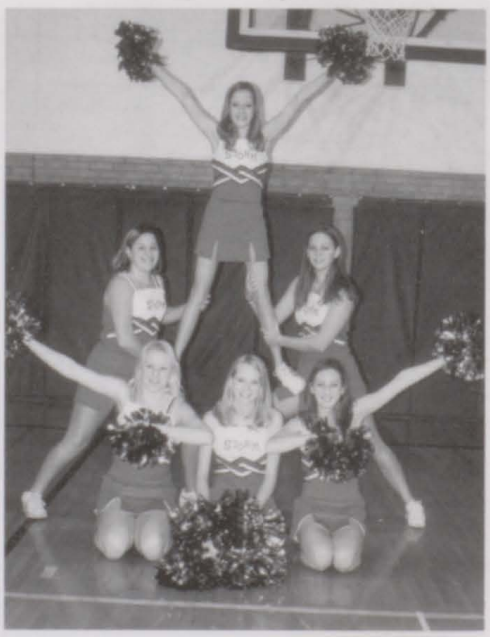
GREAT JOB LADIES!!



Heather Church and **Corinna Vrbka** points to the crowd at a point in their dance routine.

Skye Hejtmanek looks down the way to make sure she is doing this cheer the correct way.

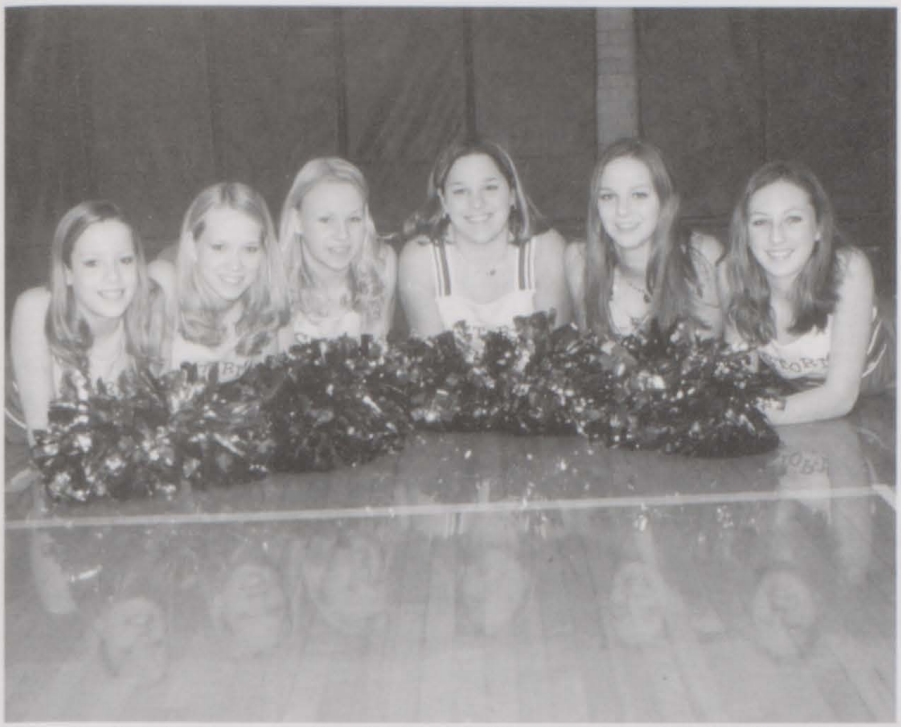
Stephanie Gray, the captain, gives instructions for games during spirit week to the student body.



The squad does a mount for this picture.

Kylie Shoup, **Heather Church**, and **Skye Hejtmanek** cheering for a wrestling meet.

Corinna Vrbka imitating the opposing cheerleaders during a pep rally.



The cheerleading squad: **Skye Hejtmanek**, **Tara Tonniges**, **Heather Church**, **Corinna Vrbka**, **Stephanie Gray**, **Kylie Shoup**.

"Go Storm"! says **Tara Tonniges**.

The girls cheering at the High Plains wrestling tourney.

Heather Church cheers at a pep rally.

Corinna Vrbka decorating for the homecoming dance.

Kylie Shoup cheers to the crowd.

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Dance Team Black Shimmer

The 2003-2004 school year was the first year for a dance team, and we consider it a success. The team consisted of 10 members, and they worked together during the summer and the school year to preform 3 different dances. The girls made up dances on their own with help from Jodie Blase.

Black Shimmer preformed for football and basketball home games, and they also danced at CRC Basketball and Sub-Districts. The dance team was sponsered by Shelli Garrett and Sheri Ditloff.

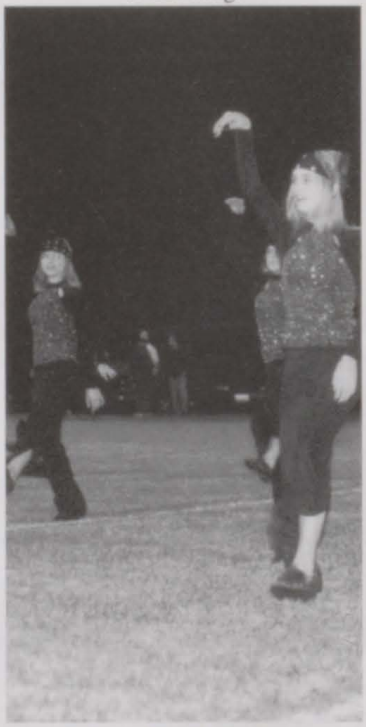
Back row: Corinna Vrbka, Nichole Labarge, Lindsey Johansen, Lindsay Garrett, Heather Klingsporn, Stephanie Gray. Front row: Ashley Strobel, Sara Lott, Krystal Ditloff, and Kayla Beck.

The dance team puts a little heart into their dance.

Krystal Ditloff twist on down to this song.

Lindsey Johansen and **Lindsay Garrett** trust each other a lot, don't they.

After a day clinic, the kids slam down and show the dance team their moves.



Sara Lott and **Kayla Beck** wave to the crowd as they dance.

The "shimmer" shows up very well in this line up!

Back row: Coach Steve Meyer, Ben Shulze, Josh Fitzgerald, Joe Ditloff, Talus Vest, Robert Klingsporn, Sean Steinke, Marcus Bender, Caleb Church, Derek Rodine, Trevor Schnabel, Coach Mike Cotter. Middle row:Terry Bankson, Carl Rahrs, Matt Lampshire, Clete Vrbka, Jesse Dubas, Nate Hoffman, Matt Anderson, Garrett Reimers, Anthony Beck, Joe Fowler. Front row: Kyle Hohnholt, Tanner Kuhn, Corbey Grause, Jeremiah Reyner, Luke Samuelson, Brett Church, Nick Gustafson, Aaron Blase, Calvin Shively, Scott Holtorf, Grant Friesen.
Not pictured: Tyler Rathjen, D J Wilson, Randy Armagost.

Back row: Karlie Blase, Brooke Engel, Amanda Hanquist, Sarah Hammond, Haley Menke, Mindy Kowalski, Lacey Stromberg. Middle row: Thania Sanchez, Anna Swanson, Cheyanne Shultz, Denise Carlstrom, Margo Wurtz, Britny Kava, Heather Reimers. Front row: Danika Wirrick, Brittany Swanson, Sarah Staniec, Alison Veburg, Mary Ziemba, Rebecca Geidel, Haley Strobel, Ashley Fleming.

Robert Klingsporn and **Coach Meyer**.

Nate Hoffman

Sarah Staniec and **Mary Ziemba**

Caleb Church, **Nick Gustafson**, and **Clete Vrbka**.

VOLLEYBALL SCOREBOARD

HP	15	15	
Giltner	2	12	
HP	15	9	15
Rising City	9	15	9
HP	15	15	
Palmer	10	10	
HP	11	9	
McCool	15	15	
HP	15	15	
Exeter/Milligan	11	13	
HP	0	15	16
Cross Country	15	5	14
HP	15	15	
Chapman	7	13	

Final Record 3-4

Amanda Hanquist

Haley Strobel and **Anna Swanson**

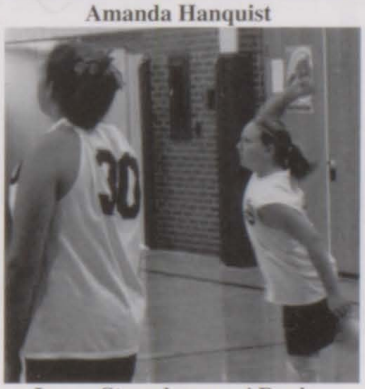
Defensive line

MIDDLE SCHOOL

FOOTBALL SCOREBOARD

	HP	Opp.
Palmer	40	24
Shelby	62	14
Spalding/SA	38	8
Exeter/Mill.	32	0

Final Record- 4-1



Lacey Stromburg and **Denise Carlstrom**

Coach Eberle talking to the girls.

Volleyball Football

MIDDLE SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Back row: Coach Steve Meyer, Josh Fitzgerald, Sean Steinke, Talus Vest, Caleb Church, Marcus Bender, Trevor Schnabel, Jesse Dubas, Tyler Rathjen, Derek Rodine, Ben Schulze. Middle row: Robert Klingsporn, Garrett Riemers, Matt Lampshire, Matt Anderson, Joe Ditloff, Anthony Beck, Carl Rahrs. Front row: Aaron Blase, Joe Fowler, Terry Bankson, Clete Vrbka, Nick Gustafson, Luke Samuelson, Grant Friesen.

Back row: Coach Laura Senff, Denise Carlstrom, Haley Menke, Anna Swanson, Cheyenne Shultze, Sarah Hammond, Karlie Blase, Mary Ziemba, Brooke Engel. Front row: Heather Riemers, Ashley Fleming, Amanda Hanquist, Haley Strobel, Alison Veburg, Thania Sanchez, Erin Davis.

Talus Vest

BOYS BASKETBALL SCOREBOARD

HPC		OPP
40	Giltner	13
61	Rising City	10
27	Hampton	23
42	Palmer	41
40	McCool	7
45	Osceola	19
33	Palmer	21
42	NE Christian	21
35	Dorchester	23

Final Record 9-0

CRC CHAMPIONS

Caleb Church and **Clete Vrbka**

Mary Ziemba

Alison Veburg

Aaron Blase

Luke Samuelson

Denise Carlstrom, Karlie Blase and **Brooke Engel**

Sarah Hammond

The boys team after winning the High Plains Tournament.

GIRLS BASKETBALL SCOREBOARD

HPC		OPP
22	Giltner	12
32	Rising City	13
15	Hampton	21
35	Palmer	47
17	McCool	19
48	NE Christian	4
15	Osceola	36
28	Palmer	36

Final Record 3-5

Back row: Coach Chris Thoms, Cheyenne Schultz, Mary Ziemba, Danika Wirrick, Erin Davis, Anna Swanson, Sarah Staniec, Karlie Blase, Sarah Hammond, Coach Andy Vrbka Coach Tabitha Reiken. Middle row: Britny Kava, Thania Sanchez, Heather Reimers, Ashley Fleming, Haley Strobel, Alison Veburg, Rebecca Geidel, Haley Menke. Front row: Brooke Engel, Amanda Hanquist.

Back row: Josh Fitzgerald, Robert Klingsporn, Derek Rodine, Marcus Bender, Caleb Church, Joe Ditloff, Grant Freisen, Coach Andy Vrbka. Middle row: Coach Chris Thoms, Matt Anderson, Clete Vrbka, Jesse Dubas, Nick Gustafson, Joe Fowler, Anthony Beck, Coach Tabitha Reiken. Front Row: Tanner Kuhn, Scott Holtorf, Terry Bankson, Nate Hoffman, Matt Lampshire, Corbey Grause, Aaron Blase, Garrett Reimers, Luke Samuelson.

MIDDLE SCHOOL TRACK / WRESTLING

TRACK SCOREBOARD

Meet	Girls	Boys
High Plains	4th	1st
Hampton	7th	1st
NE Christian	7th	1st
CRC	4th	1st
St. Edward	3rd	1st

Sarah Staniec

Heather Reimers

Josh Fitzgerald

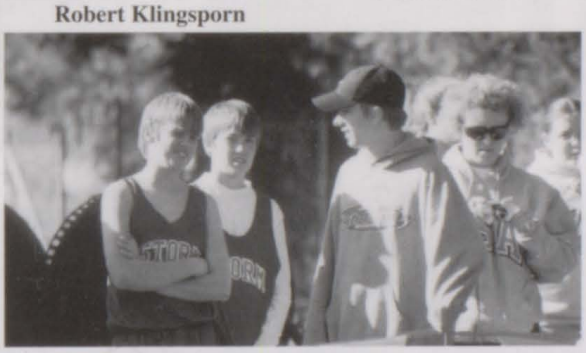
Robert Klingsporn

Matt Anderson

Derek Rodine

Haley Strobel

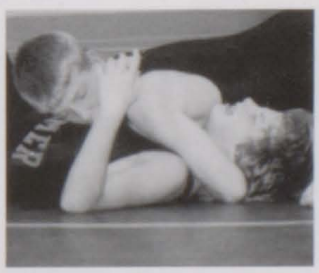
Brett Church



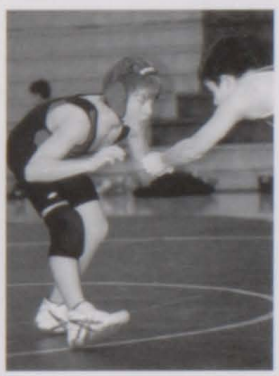
Matt Lampshire, Terry Bankson, and Scott Holtorf

Nate Hoffman, Corbey Grause, Brett Church, Tanner Kuhn

Corbey Grause



Tanner Kuhn



Nate Hoffman

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Top 5 Favorites of This Year

Movies

5. Pirates of the Caribbean
4. Animal House
3. Dumb & Dumberer
2. Super Troopers
1. Old School

TV Shows

5. Chapelle's Show
4. American Chopper
3. CSI
2. The O.C.
1. That 70's Show

Bands

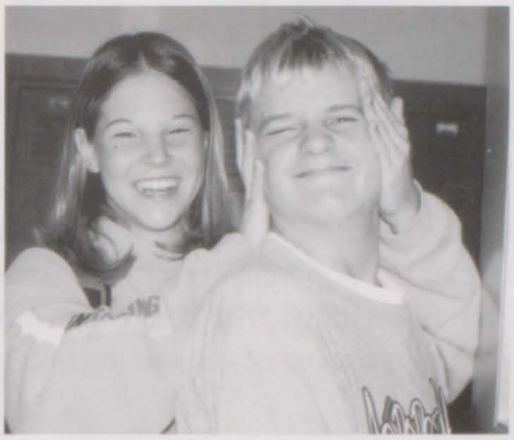
5. Godsmack
4. Metallica
3. Rascal Flatts
2. AC/DC
1. D12

Songs

5. "Yeah"
4. "Suga Suga"
3. "Tipsy"
2. "I Believe in a Thing Called Love"
1. "My Band"

Events & Activities In HPC

Who's Who in Events & Activities?



STUDENT COUNCIL

The Student Council is made up of three elected members from each of the four classes; their President, Vice President and one council representative. Then up to twelve other members from any class can petition for membership at large. They had 24 members this year. Officers were: Jesse Hammond, President; Gary Brockevelt, Vice-President; Travis Kuhn, Secretary; and Austin Person, Treasurer.

They are in charge of the pop machines in the school and members are responsible to make sure they are filled daily. They also sponsored the Middle School Basketball Tournament. They were in charge of organizing and running the two day tournament.

For a community project they collected food for area food banks. They made it a class competition with the Junior's supplying the most items. They received a pop and candy bar as their prize. They also held a cake raffle with the proceeds going to Post Prom.

They attended a District V workshop at Dana College in Blair and the State Convention at Lincoln Southeast. A winter dance was planned but was cancelled due to a snow storm.

Front row: Sami Dankelsen, Casey Sneed, Sara Lott, Lindsay Garrett, Lindsey Johansen, Corinna Vrbka, Candice Swedenburg, Samantha Dubas, Holly Engel, and Erin Hammond. Second row: Travis Kuhn, Austin Person, Jesse Hammond, Chris Zeimba, Brett Kuhn, Laura Garey, Stephanie Gray. Back row: Nic Beck, Justin Blase.

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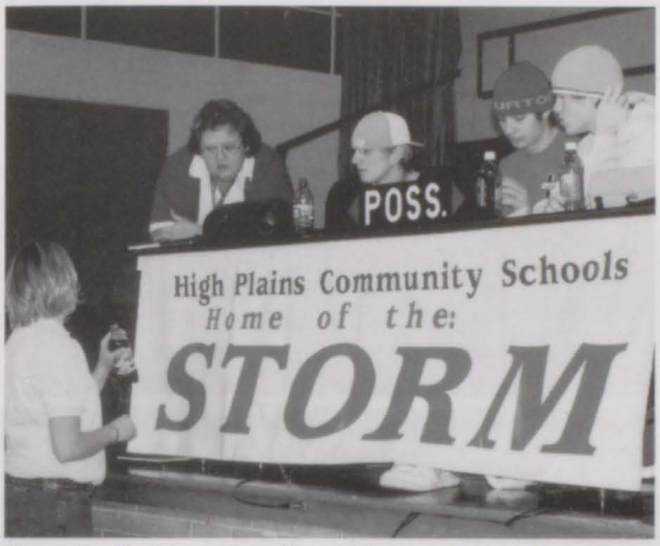
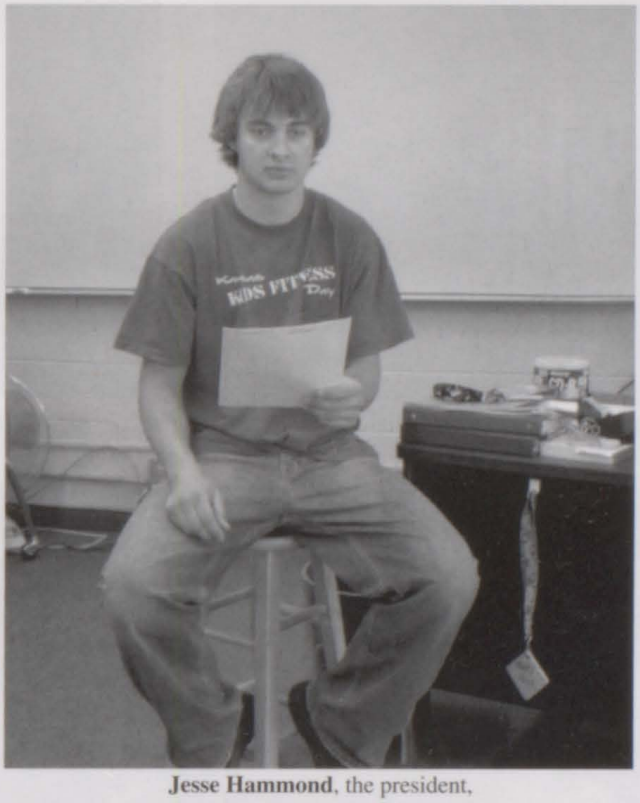
Josh Hudson and **Nic Beck** performing their daily job of filling the pop machine.

Casey Sneed and **Sami Dankelsen** look really enthused to be taking tickets.



Coach Senff talking to **Ms. Vest** making sure **Levi Linburg**, **Jesse Hammond**, and **Austin Person** have everything correct.



Jesse Hammond, the president, conducting a Student Council meeting.

Drew Rodine, **Josh Hudson**, and **Austin Person** taking their turn working at the middle school basketball tournament.

Chris Ziemba and **Justin Blase** work the concession stand at the tournament.

Yearbook Staff!

Nichole Labarge and **Nicole Davis** are done with their work so they decided to pose for a picture.

Whitney Flinn, **Amber Swanson**, and **Jessie Shotkoski** work on surveys for the newsletter.

Yearbook Staff: Standing - **Jessie Shotkoski, Nicole Davis, Amber Swanson, Eric Menke, Dustin Carlson**. Seated- **Whitney Flinn, Nichole Labarge, Sami Danklesen, Dani Sneed, Kristin Opfer**.

Kristin Opfer and **Whitney Flinn** are caught on camera J-walking while selling ads in Osceola.

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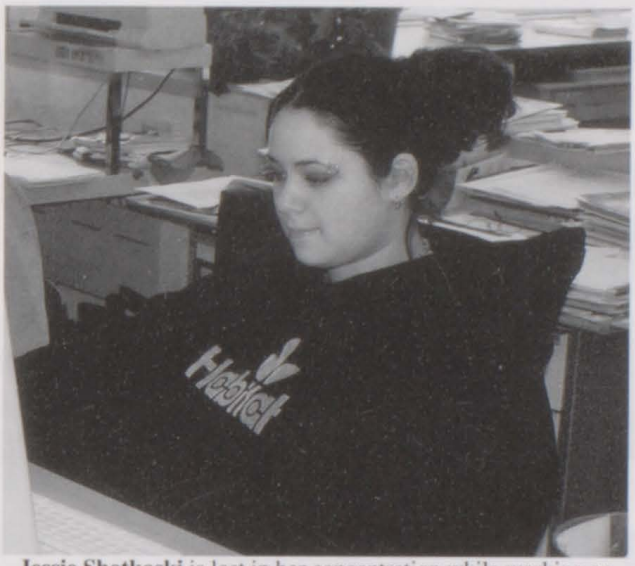
The Desktop Publishing class was made up of ten students. These ten students are very important; if it wasn't for all of their hard work and creative ideas, this yearbook would not exist! This class planned out the layout for the yearbook, designed the cover and the pages inside, and even got a few days out of school to sell ads to help pay for the book. The advisor, Linda Gilson was a big help.

In addition to working on the yearbook, they also put together the Monthly Forecast, the school's monthly newsletter. Ten issues a year are sent out to parents, students, and patrons of the district to keep them informed of school business and happenings.

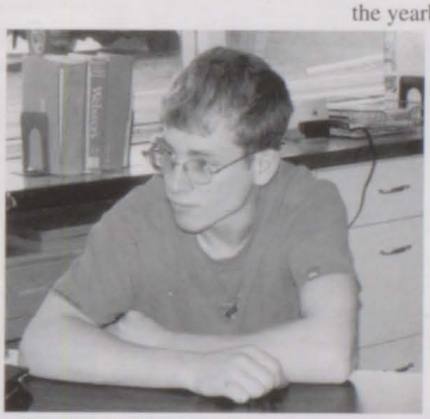
Whitney Flinn is not too busy working to stop and smile for the camera.

Eric Menke and **Dustin Carlson** look so happy! Is it because they love selling ads or because they love getting a day out of school?



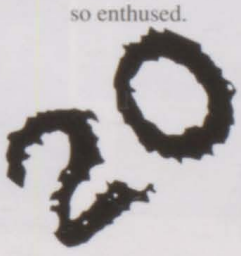
Jessie Shotkoski is lost in her concentration while working on the yearbook.

Jessie Shotkoski, **Nichole Labarge**, and **Sami Danklesen** don't feel like working on yearbook stuff.



Dustin Carlson, don't look so enthused.

Below: **Dani Sneed** tries to find the best pictures to use in the yearbook.



Nathan Anderson and **Dustin Meyer** strike a pose showing their enthusiasm.

Chris Ziemba, Brandon Bankson, Todd Schulze, Josh Gustafson, and **Nate Anderson** show the assembly line they formed while unloading fruit.

Chris Ziemba and **Isaac Samuelson** visit with other chapter members.

Senior Parly Pro team members, **Jesse Hammond, Austin Person, Dustin Meyer, Nate Anderson, Kyle Yrkoski, Brent Scherer, Aly Wruble**. Both the Sr. and Jr. team received Red at competition.

Dustin Kufeldt sowing turnips with a lot of supervisor from other members.

Results from Contests

District 6 CDE Contest

Welding Team- 1st Place. MIG Welding- Nathan Anderson 1st Purple. OA Welding- Jesse Hammond 5th Blue. SMAW Welding- Austin Person 6th Blue. Nursery and Landscape- Tiffany Kowalski 1st Purple, Shane Taylor 2nd Purple. Livestock Managemen: Beef- Kyle Yrkoski White, Brandon Bankson White; Dairy- Krystal Ditloff White; Swine- Eric Menke Red; Horse- Allison Wruble Purple. Agriscience- Isaac Samuelson Purple; Travis Kuhn Blue. Envirothon-Dustin Kufeldt, Josh Gustafson and Josh Hudson received a 5th place Blue ribbon.

District 6 Livestock Selection

Senior Team 3rd place: Brett Kuhn- Purple, Jesse Hammond, Aly Wruble, Austin Person. Junior Team: Josh Gustafson, Brandon Bankson, Travis Kuhn, Isaac Samuelson.

State Career Development Contest

Welding Team-Blue. OA Welding- Jesse Hammond Purple; SMAW Welding- Austin Person Blue; MIG Welding- Nathan Anderson White. Livestock Management: Horse- Allison Wruble Blue; Swine- Eric Menke Red; Sheep- Dustin Meyer Red; Poultry- Erin Hammond; Beef-Kyle Yrkoski. Agriscience- Isaac Samuelson Red, Travis Kuhn White. Nursery and Landscape-Shane Taylor White, Tiffany Kowalski, Dustin Meyer, Dustin Kufeldt. Agronomics: Chris Ziemba White; Josh Hudson, Brent Scherer, John Lindgren. Junior Livestock Selection: Isaac Samuelson Blue; Josh Gustafson White; Brandon Bankson, Travis Kuhn. Senior Livestock Selection: Team-Red; Aly Wruble Red; Austin Person Red; Brett Kuhn Red; Jesse Hammond White.

Special Awards

Isaac Samuelson- Star Greenhand. Dustin Meyer- Star Chapter Degree. Eric Menke-Dekalb Award Winner.

Senior Officer Team: (back row) Chris Ziemba-Parliamentarian, Krystal Ditloff-Secretary, Aly Wruble-Vice President, Jesse Hammond-President, Kyle Yrkoski-Treasurer, Austin Person-News Reporter, Erin Hammond-Sentinel. Junior Officer Team: (front row) Issac Samuelson-Parlementarian, Brent Scherer-Secretary, Kelli Stevens-Vice President, Josh Gustafson-President, Nathan Anderson-Sentinel, Dustin Meyer-News Reporter.

FFA

Isaac Samuelson reciting the Creed at the banquet. He received a Red at competiton.

FFA Members: (back row) Brandon Bankson, Brent Scherer, John Lindgren, Eric Menke, Chris Ziemba, Dustin Meyer, Nathan Anderson, Shane Taylor, Kyle Yrkoski, Nic Beck, Jesse Hammond, Austin Person, Josh Gustafson, Josh Hudson, Vinny Bittinger, Dustin Kufeldt. (front row) Tiffany Kowalski, Krystal Ditloff, Travis Kuhn, Isaac Samuelson, Erin Hammond, Sara Sweet, Aly Wruble, Kelli Stevens, Sadie Church, Tiffany Crouch.

District Participants:(back row) Dustin Kufeldt, Isaac Samuelson, Shane Taylor, Travis Kuhn, Eric Menke, Krystal Ditloff, Aly Wruble, Tiffany Kowalski, Brandon Bankson, Josh Hudson, Kyle Yrkoski. (front row) Nathan Anderson, Austin Person, Jesse Hammond, Erin Hammond, Josh Gustafson.

Ag Week Activities included members driving tractors and other farm equipment to school.

Austin Person distinguishes a fire during his farm safety day demonstration.

The car stuffing contest during ag week is always a fun activity.

Dustin Meyer and **Jesse Hammond** talks about safety when shedding stocks for their farm safety demonstration.

It is big business when the fruit arrives.

Mr. Keith Nielsen, our advisor.

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FCCLA

Officers for the year were: Ivy Hejtmanek President, Stephanie Gray Vice-President, Lindsey Johansen Secretary, Whitney Flinn Treasurer, Historian Lindsay Garrett, Abby Necker Parliamentarian, Heather Steinke Recreational Chairperson, and Morgan Comer Publicity Chairperson. There were 21 members. Our annual fund-raiser was pizza sales. We sold 112. An early morning trip to Godfather's in Columbus was taken to make these pizzas, and then home again to deliver them all.

Whitney Flinn, **Tiffany Crouch**, and **Christina Rhodes** at STAR.

Kayla Roberts, Haley Stromberg, Whitney Flinn, Sami Dankelsen, Christina Rhodes, Dustin Curtis, and **Laura Garey** are in charge of the installation ceremony at DLC.

Ivy Hejtmanek at DLC speaking at the closing ceremony. Ivy was the District Vice President.

Dustin Curtis at DLC taking part in a dance contest.

Whitney Flinn, Christina Rhodes, Tiffany Crouch, Ivy Hejtmanek, Laura Garey, Haley Stromburg pose and show how much fun they were having at State FCCLA.

Christina Rhodes, **Tiffany Crouch**, and **Ivy Hejtmanek** show off their certificates and medals for top gold at STAR.

Christina Rhodes and **Tiffany Crouch** ready to give their presentation at STAR.

The group that attended DLC takes a quick shot with the camera.

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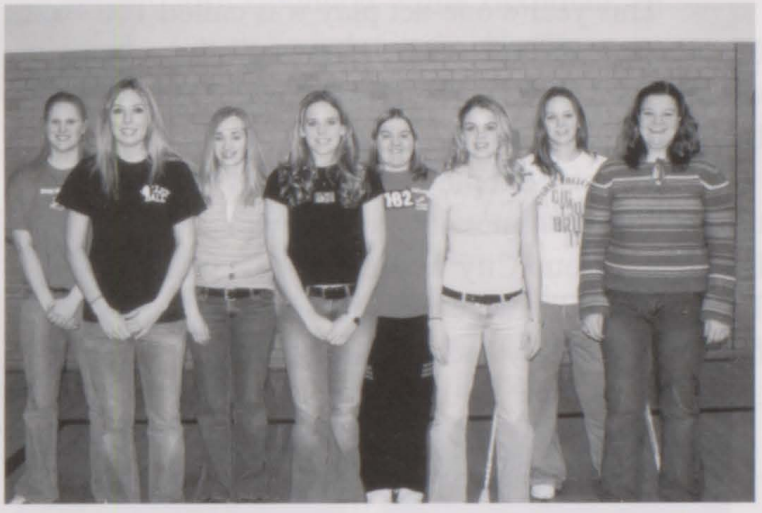
FCCLA members: Back row: Morgan Comer, Heather Steinke, Lindsay Garrett, Sara Lott, Sami Dankelsen, Casey Sneed, Lindsey Johansen, Dani Sneed, Whitney Flinn, Stephanie Gray, Heather Church. Front row: Abby Necker, Christina Rhodes, Ivy Hejtmanek, Tiffany Crouch, Haley Stromburg, Laura Garey, Tara Tonniges, Skye Hejtmanek. Not Pictured: Dustin Curtis, Kayla Roberts.

Nine members attended DLC in Humphrey they performed the installation ceremony. Four members attended STAR with Ivy Hejtmanek, Christina Rhodes, and Tiffany Crouch having a presentation on MS. They received top gold at Districts and went on to State to receive silver. Five girls went to Kearney for the Peer Education Retreat in February. State was attended by Laura Garey, Whitney Flinn, Haley Stromberg, Tiffany Crouch, Ivy Hejtmanek, and Christina Rhodes. Two days were spent in Lincoln learning a lot about FCCLA.

The girls in FCCLA are having a blast making pizzas at Godfather's. Keep up the progress ladies!

Ivy Hejtmanek, Tiffany Crouch, Whitney Flinn, Haley Stromburg, and Christina Rhodes kick back and enjoy some yummy pizza and have a little fun eating it.



Officers: **Abby Necker, Morgan Comer, Heather Steinke, Lindsay Garrett, Whitney Flinn, Lindsey Johansen, Stephanie Gray**, and **Ivy Hejtmanek**.

Heather Steinke, Morgan Comer , Laura Garey, and **Abby Necke**r enjoying the pizza they made and trying not to have too much fun.

Left: **Ivy Hejtmanek** and **Haley Stromberg** along with the help from the cheerleaders hold the blanket during a home basketball game for a blanket toss raising money for the Nebraska MS Society.

Right: Officers lighting candles and telling the purposes of FCCLA during the induction ceremony for the new officers in May.

One-Act Play

Back: Director Karol Bankson-Recknor, Director Dorla Lindburg, Laura Garey, Haley Stromburg, Dustin Curtis, Whitney Flinn, Katie Holtorf, Jessica Braasch, Jessie Shotkoski, Hana Lindburg, Tiffany Crouch, Nichole Labarge, Garrison Swanson. Middle: Casey Sneed, Christina Rhodes, Brent Scherer, Stephanie Gray, Vinny Bittinger, Ivy Hejtmanek. Front: Josh Hohnholt, Chris Fowler, John Lindgren, Nate Anderson, Stage Crew: Austin Person, Chris Ziemba, Josh Hudson, Brandon Bankson.

The Herdmans were the worst kids in the whole history of the world, so it shocked everyone when they decided to participate in the town Christmas pageant. Although at first they were only in it for the refreshments, the Herdmans learned the true meaning of Christmas and it was the best Christmas pageant ever.

This year's one-act play was called The Best Christmas Pageant Ever by Barbara Robinson. It was directed by Karol Bankson-Recknor and Dorla Lindburg.

The one-act play cast attended two competitions, CRC at Giltner at which they placed 4th and Districts at Loup City where they revieved 2nd place. They performed twice for the community and once for the elementary and middle school.

Left: **Christina Rhodes** (Beth) introduces the Herdmans at the beginning of the play. Right: **Casey Sneed** (Gladys) brings the good news to the shepherds. "Shazam!"

Gossipy members of the Ladies Aid Society: **Whitney Flinn**, **Hana Lindburg**, **Tiffany Crouch**, and **Haley Stromberg**.

Mrs. Armstrong (**Ivy Hejtmanek**) [left] being attended to by her Nurse (**Nichole Labarge**) can't help giving orders to [right] Mrs. Bradley (**Stephanie Gray**), even when she is in the hospital with a broken leg!

Outstanding acting awards: **Jessie Shotkoski** at Districts, **Katie Holtorf** at Districts, **Stephanie Gray** at CRC, **Christina Rhodes** at CRC and Districts, **Casey Sneed** at Districts.

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The Herdmans (**Chris Fowler**, **Nate Anderson**, **John Lindgren**, **Jessie Shotkoski**, **Casey Sneed**, and **Josh Hohnholt**) gather around the manger and decide how they will gang up on Herod.

Nichole Labarge, **Jessica Braasch**, **Laura Garey**, **Vinny Bittinger**, **Hana Lindburg**, and **Garrison Swanson** sit in boredom waiting for Sunday School to begin and enjoying the chance to stay away from the Herdmans.

Right: **Laura Garey** (Maxine) narrates the Christmas pageant... "And an angel of the Lord appeared to them." Left: And **John Lindgren** (Leroy Herdman) steal's **Vinny Bittinger's** (Charlie) dessert....AGAIN!

Right: Mrs. Bradley (**Stephanie Gray**) talks her husband (**Brent Scherer**) into going to the Christmas pageant. Left: She convinces Reverand Hopkins (**Dustin Curtis**) that it will be the best Christmas pageant ever.

Cast

Stephanie Gray- Grace Bradley
Christina Rhodes- Beth
Vinny Bittinger- Charlie
Brent Scherer- Bob Bradley
Nate Anderson- Ralph Herdman
Jessica Shotkoski- Imogene Herdman
John Lindgren- Leroy Herdman
Chris Fowler- Claude Herdman
Josh Hohnholt- Ollie Herdman
Casey Sneed- Gladys Herdman
Ivy Hejtmanek- Mrs. Armstrong
Tiffany Crouch- Mrs. McCarthy
Whitney Flinn- Mrs. Slocum
Hana Lindburg- Mrs. Clark/Beverly
Katie Holtorf- Alice
Nichole Labarge- David/Nurse
Todd Church- Elmer Hopkins
Garrison Swanson- Elmer Hopkins
Jessica Braasch- Baby Angel
Dustin Curtis- Reverand Hopkins
Brett Kuhn- Reverand Hopkins
Crew: Chris Ziemba, Brandon Bankson, Austin Person, Josh Hudson

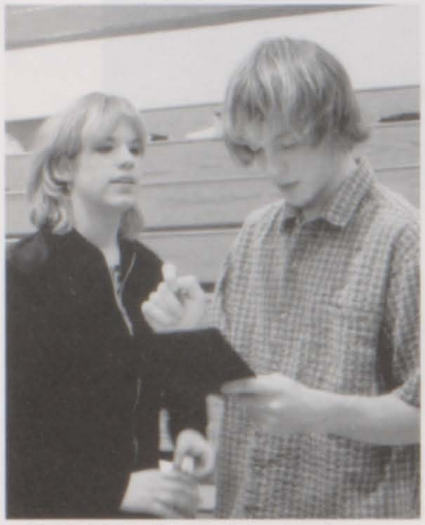
The Best Christmas Pageant Ever

SPEECH

This year's speech team was made up of fifteen students, with several newcomers. The team was coached by Jean Blase and Kelly Potter who were busy throughout the speech season helping to improve the student's performances.

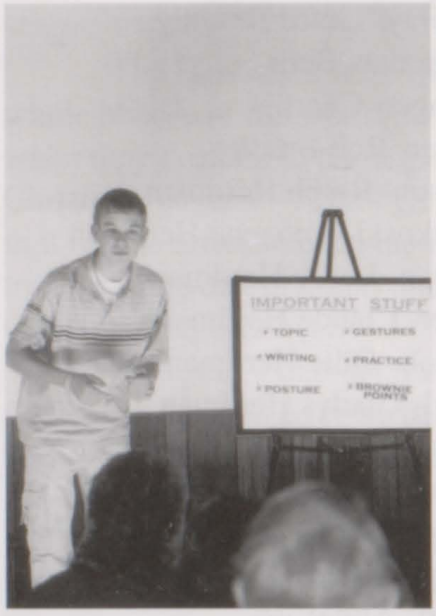
The team participated in several meets, and even went as far as Loup City. CRC, Osceola, Cedar Rapids, and Districts at Bruning-Davenport were the other meets attended. Christina Rhodes placed 2nd at districts advancing her to the state meet in Kearney, where she placed 5th.

Of the 15 members of the team, almost everyone lettered. To letter you must receive a superior from a judge at one of the contests.



Katie Holtorf helps **John Lindgren** go over his OID lines.

Calvin Rahrs shows off the 3rd place medal he received for informative speaking at Loup City.



Vinny Bittinger performs his entertainment speech which got him 6th place at districts.

Katie Holtorf stops to pose for the camera as she practices her humorous prose.

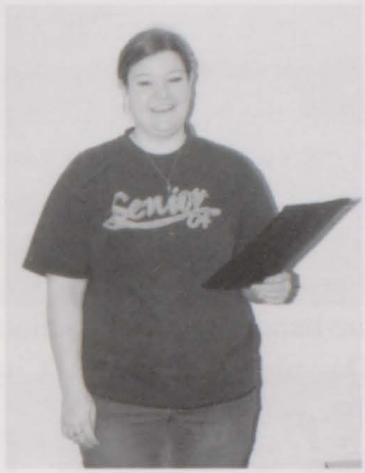
"Speech students are special!" Say **Christina Rhodes**, **Katie Holtorf**, and **Tiffany Swanson**.

Back row: Brent Scherer, Christina Rhodes, Chris Fowler, Vinny Bittinger, John Lindgren, Mallory McKinnis, Tiffany Swanson, Jessie Shotkoski. Front row: Whitney Flinn, Katie Holtorf, Stephanie Gray, Ivy Hejtmanek, Nichole Labarge, Calvin Rahrs, Josh Hohnholt.

Josh Hohnholt receiving his 6th place medal for extemporaneous speaking at CRC.

Nichole Labarge practices her informative speech with a grin on her face.

For **Mallory McKinnis**'s first year in speech, she did a poetry piece about angels.



Above: **Katie Holtorf**, **Whitney Flinn**, **Nichole Labarge**, **Vinny Bittinger**, and **Josh Hohnholt** get ready to perform their OID.

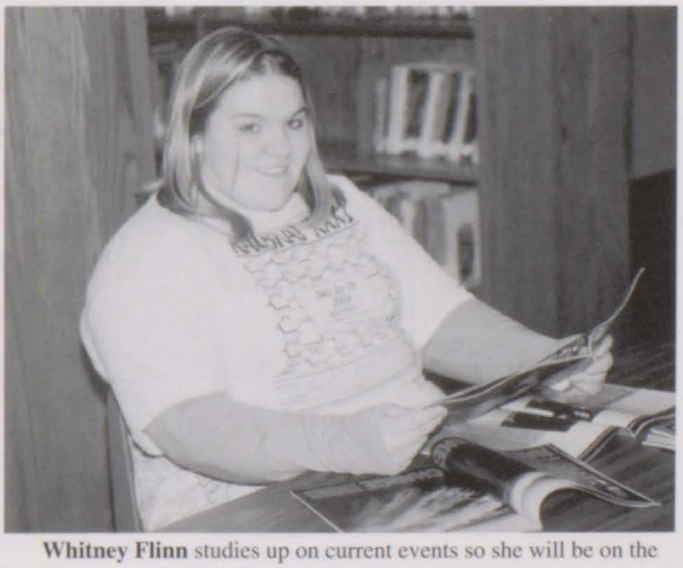
Left: **Ivy Hejtmanek** doesn't look too serious as she practices her serious prose

Chris Fowler is a little enthusiastic about his persuasive speech.

Christina Rhodes performs her poetry piece, "The Highwayman." Christina placed 2nd at districts and received 5th place at state.

Jessie Shotkoski and **Tiffany Swanson** perform their duet acting "Stop Talking."

Christina Rhodes, **Ivy Hejtmanek**, **Stephanie Gray**, **Brent Scherer**, and **John Lindgren** perform their OID.



Whitney Flinn studies up on current events so she will be on the ball for her extemporaneous speeches.

Band

This was a good year for the band. Christina Rhodes, Flute, and Stephanie Gray, French Horn, were selected to participate in the Class D Honor Wind Ensemble held at UNK. After a day of rehearsal, a concert was presented for the public at the Health and Fitness Center on the UNK campus.

Six Students from the High Plains band were selected to play in the CRC Honor Band. Christina Rhodes-Flute, Abby Necker-Bass Clarinet, Stephanie Gray-French Horn, Heather Steinke-Clarinet, Calvin Rahrs-Trumpet, and Josh Hudson-Timpani. The Honor band rehearsed during the morning to prepare for the evening concert, with the remainder of the band members joining in the afternoon for rehearsal of the mass band. A concert was held that evening.

The band also played at the Dessert Concert, the Christmas Concert, and a Spring Concert. The District Music Contest was held in April in Columbus. They received a two. Parades attended this year were the Harvest of Harmony and Yorkfest where the band received 3rd place for both parades. They also marched in the Veteran's Day parade in Central City.

Mr. Rod Drews, our new band instructor, leads the pep band.

Flag Corp members, **Tiffany Crouch** and **Holly Engel** performing their flag routine.

Gary Brockevelt and **Chris Fowler** keep in tune on their tubas.

Christina Rhodes plays a flute solo for the dinner theatre. She received a one at districts.

What did **Mr. Drews** say to **Meghan Hammond** that was so funny?

The band plays as they march in a parade.

Vinny Bittinger and **Josh Hudson** keeping time with the drums.

The band looking good marching in the Havest of Harmony parade.

Josh Gustafson, **Brent Scherer**, **Lauren Redman** and **Todd Schulze** keeping in step.

The flag corp members and majorette: **Skye Hejtmanek**, **Corinna Vrbka**, **Tiffany Crouch**, **Lindsay Garrett**, **Sara Lott**, **Krystal Ditloff**, **Holly Engel**, **Ashley Strobel**, **Stephanie Gray**.

Levi Lindburg, **Josh Hohnholt**, **Calvin Rahrs** and **Candice Swedenburg** marching with different reactions being at this parade.

Lindsay Garrett, **Syke Hejtmanek**, and **Corinna Vrbka** keeping in step.

Stephanie Gray leading the band.

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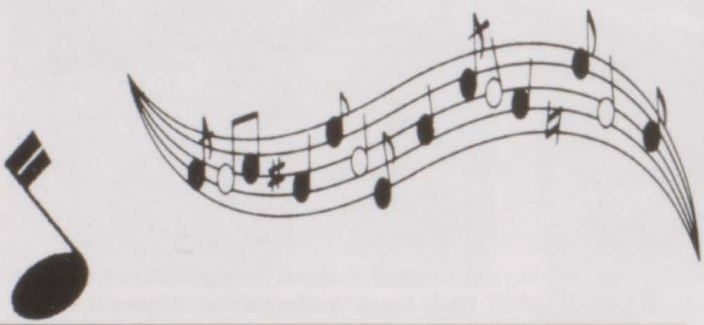
Chorus

Tiffany Swanson, **Haley Stromberg**, and **Hana Lindburg** laughing about a mistake they made while singing.

Everyone looking and getting anxious to eat dessert at the Dessert Concert.



Donna Wilson, Dustin Curtis, Dani Sneed, and **Hana Lindburg** singing at the Christmas Concert.

Christina Rhodes accompanies with her flute for one of the Choir's selections.

There were seven people in Chorus. We had seven events that we performed at. On October 27th the Fall Concert was held in Clarks. Songs sung were: "Beauty And The Beast" by Ashman/Menken, "A Distant Shore" by Mary Donnelly, and "Music In Your Heart" by George O. Strid. On December 18th we held our Christmas Concert in Polk. Katie Holtorf and Tiffany Crouch sang "O Holy Night" by Adam as a duet. The whole group sang: "He Is Born" by Robert Thygerson, "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly" by Julie Knowles, and "It's Beginning to Look a Lot Like Christmas" by Anita Kerr.

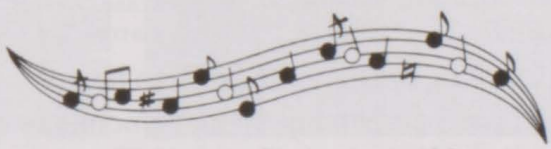
Yum Yum...The spring Dessert Concert was on April 1st. "Answer to a Child's Question" by Timothy Strang, with Christina Rhodes accompany with her flute was sung. "The Rose" by Amanda McBroom. "Inscription of Hope" by Z. Randall Strrope, and "Elijah Rock" by Roger Emerson were also sung at this concert. We went up to the Senior Citizen Center on April 16th and sang for the senior citizens birthdays that were in April. After we got done singing they invited us to eat cake and ice cream with them.

May arrived and the seniors were happy it was their last day to sing. On graduation we sang the song "The River" by Garth Brooks. Other events we attended were: On November 11th we had CRC Honor Choir at Doane College. The choir contestants that went to that was Katie Holtorf, Tiffany Crouch, Donna Wilson, Haley Stromberg, and Hana Lindburg. April 23rd we had our District Music Contest in Columbus.

Above: Chorus members: **Tiffany Crouch, Katie Holtorf, Donna Wilson, Dani Sneed, Tiffany Swanson, Haley Stromberg, Hana Lindburg**.

Above left: **Mr. Rod Drews** conducting a concert for his first year at High Plains.

Left: **Tiffany Crouch** and **Katie Holtorf** watch as **Mary Jane Samulson**, and **Mr. Drews** discuss the song that the girls are going to sing.



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National Honor Society

Mrs. Lott talks to the NHS members about how to induct the new members this year.

Above: **Samantha Dubas**, **Holly Engel**, and **Nichole Labarge** enjoy the punch and cookies. Above right: **Stephanie Gray**, **Sara Lott**, **Lindsey Johansen**, and **Lindsay Garrett** take part in the induction ceremony.

Members of National Honor Society. Fourth row: Abby Necker, Nate Anderson, Nichole Labarge, Samantha Dubas, Corinna Vrbka, Heather Steinke. Third row: Brett Kuhn, Lindsey Johansen, Ivy Hejtmanek, Lindsay Garrett, Sara Lott, Stephanie Gray, Morgan Comer. Second row: Holly Engel, Heidi Hanquist, Drew Rodine, Chris Ziemba, Josh Hudson. First row: Candice Swedenburg, Lauren Redman, Christina Rhodes, Haley Stromberg, Laura Garey.

Above: New members - Back row: Holly Engel, Heidi Hanquist, Drew Rodine, Chris Ziemba, Josh Hudson. Front row: Candice Swedenburg, Lauren Redman, Christina Rhodes, Haley Stromberg, Laura Garey. Above right: **Lindsey Johansen** congratulates **Heidi Hanquist** and gives her her certificate. Right: **Stephanie Gray, Lindsay Garrett**, and **Sara Lott** make some tea for the ceremony.

This year the N.H.S. was lead by a new leader, Mrs. Fran Lott. A private ceremony was held during the last period of the day in April. To be considered for membership the new members must have a certain grade point average and then go through an evaluation by teachers. It is based on a point system. The NHS proudly welcomed eleven new members.

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Quiz Bowl

Fourth row: Nic Beck, Justin Blase. Third row: Austin Person, Jesse Hammond, Nate Anderson, Stephanie Gray, Ivy Hejtmanek. Second row: Josh Hohnholt, Lindsay Garrett, Lindsey Johansen, Whitney Flinn, Nichole Labarge. First row: Christina Rhodes, Haley Stromberg, Laura Garey.

Haley Stromburg, **Laura Garey**, and **Christina Rhodes** show their choice for lunch at a contest.

The Quiz Bowl team attended three competitions. They placed fifth at the CRC Quiz Bowl meet, made it to the second round finals at the Peru State competition, and competed in 3 rounds at Districts.

Members of this team are very dedicated because practices are held at night after the sports teams are done practicing. Many of its members had to make special trips back to school for practice.

Justin Blase, Lindsey Johansen, Stephanie Gray, Lindsay Garrett, Christina Rhodes, and **Ivy Hejtmanek** are ready for competition at Districts.

The Middle School Quiz Bowl Team. Back row: Haley Strobel, Brooke Engel, Amanda Hanquist, Mary Ziemba. Front row: Luke Samuelsen, Nate Hoffman, Jesse Dubas, Garret Reimers. Laying in front is their sponsor Mr. Keith Killion.

Whitney Flinn and **Haley Stromberg** ready to answer the next question during a practice session.

Brent Scherer, **Josh Hohnholt**, and **Jesse Hammond** react to the question Miss Vest just asked.

Christina Rhodes shows us her thinking pose for quiz bowl competiton.

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Homecoming

Homecoming was celebrated during the week of September 29th - October 3rd. Monday was Pajama Day, Tuesday was Kid Day, Wednesday was Formal/Farmer Day, Thursday was Opposite Day, and Friday was Red, White and Blue Day.

The dance was on Friday after the football game against Palmer. Our Homecoming theme was Thunderstruck, which reflected the sportsplaying throughout the week. The staff and student body represented our school well by dressing up and participating in this week's events.

Josh Hudson and **Erin Hammond** take the floor to a slow song. Right: **Jesse Hammond** and **Sadie Church** dance together the first song of the eveving.

Homecoming Royalty. Back row: 1st Attendants **Gary Brockvelt** and **Stephanie Gray**, 2001 Queen and King Amanda Kohl and Brady Hanquist, 2nd Attendants **Aly Wruble** and **Austin Person**. Front row: crownbearer **Kyler Van Housen**, 2003 Queen and King **Sadie Church** and **Jesse Hammond**, crownbearer **Taylor Williams**.

Nicole Davis and **Ryan Rathjen** look so cute dancing at Homecoming.

Right: Yikes! Some of the staff show off by dressing up for PJ Day, **Jody Vrbka**, **Fran Lott**, **Kelly Potter**, **Pat Vest** and **Harry Cunningham.**

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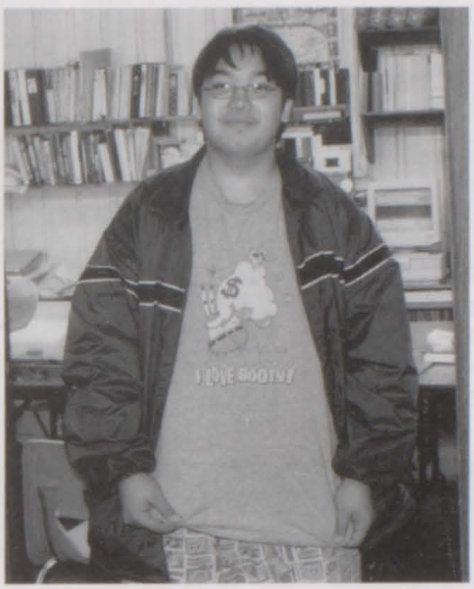
Cheerleader **Stephanie Gray** leads **sophomores** in the class cheer during Friday's pep rally. Sophomores, Sophomores, GO GO GO!!

Spirit Week

Officer **Justin Blase** arrests convict **Nic Beck** when he tries to escape from the "HPC Penetentary" on Opposite Day.



Chris Thornton show us his PJ's and calls attention to his shirt.

Wow, **Erin Hammond** you sure look happy! Way to lead the sophomores during those lunchroom games!

Left: Look, it smells like school spirit... All the students love to dress up on Red, White, and Blue Day.

Left: **Brian Beck** and **Ashley Strobel** enjoying a dance.
Right: **Trevor Labarge** and **Kristin Opfer** dancing as 'Just Friends'!
Below: The dance floor was full when a slow dance was played.

Right: **Holly Engel**, ready to take a picture with **Samantha Dubas**, and **Ashley Strobel** wanting to dance.

Right: **Holly Engel**, **Samantha Dubas**, and **Josh Hudson** discuss when to start the welcome.

Prom

The High Plains Prom was held on April 17, 2004 in the elementary gym. The Junior class took the tradition of hosting and honoring the seniors. They spent Friday afternoon and night decorating. The theme was "Always and Forever." Holly Engel welcomed all the juniors, seniors and their guests to the banquet. Samantha Dubas read the poem for the seniors. The senior class president Jesse Hammond thanked the juniors and their parents for all the hard work and effort. After the dinner class and couple pictures were taken. The dance was held from 9 to 12 and for the first year, post prom was held at the middle school gym. There were games and lots of fun things to do, prizes were to be won and gifts to be given.

Above: **Stephanie Gray**, **Megan Carson** and others show you their moves on the dance floor.
Above right: The drink table was a popular place all evening.
Right: **Shane Taylor** interrupts his dance with **Prudence Page** to visit with the couple next to them.

The Junior Girls

The Senior Girls

Above: Couples gather outside as they arrive for the evening. Left: Holly Engel welcoming everyone. Right: Samantha Dubas reading the poem.

Always and Forever

Left: **Gary Brockevelt** and **Stpehanie Gray** on the dance floor. Below: Everyone's in place, Let's Eat! Right: Let's get the party started with **Nic Beck**, **Jesse Hammond**, **Chris Ziemba**, and **Travis Kuhn**.

The Junior Boys

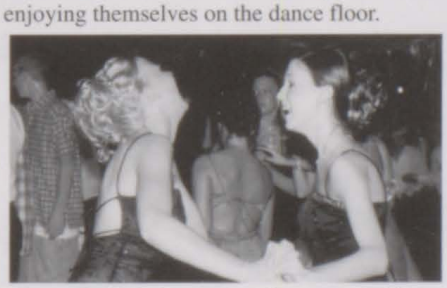
The Senior Boys

Class of 2005

Class of 2004

Left: Serving the tables were: **Dani Sneed**, **Chris Ziemba**, **Heather Klingsporn**, **Drew Rodine**, **Kayla Beck**, **Josh Hohnholt**, **Kelli Stevens**, and **Brandon Bankson**.

Left: **Jesse Hammond** thanking the juniors for the evening.
Right: **Holly Engel**, **Ashley Strobel**, **Krystal Ditloff** ready and waiting to dance.
Below: **Heather Church** and **Megan Carson** enjoying themselves on the dance floor.



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Award's Night

Award's night is held to honor all the students who have taken part in the activities offered by the school. The night started with a carry in meal. The school provided the meat and families bringing the rest.

After that the sponsors and coaches from all the events during the year spoke for approximately ten minutes to summarize their year. Most of them stayed within this limit of time.

We wish to congratulate all the students on their performances during the year.

Whatever **Mr. Hudson** had just said about the softball girls; it was funny to **Samantha Dubas**.

Chris Ziemba and **Stephanie Gray** recieved the All-Around Male and Female student awards. This is voted on by the faculty.

Nichole Labarge received the 'Above and Beyond' award from **Mrs. Bankson-Recknor** and **Mrs. Lindburg** for learning lines on the way to districts and staring in three roles that day.

Perfect attendance awards were given out. Back row: **Drew Rodine, Kyle Yrkoski, Jonella Yrkoski.** Front row: **Nichole Larbarge, Katie Holtorf, Heather Steinke, Kylie Shoup**. Those not attendending to receive their award were: Kendra Stevens, Amber Swanson, Brent Zoucha, Justin Bryd, Megan Buruss, Chris Thornton, and Trent Norquest.

Ms. Kelly Potter must be saying something about **Mrs. Jean Blase** from her reaction here when Speech awards were being given.

Academic Letters were given out to:
Lindsey Johansen, **Stephanie Gray** and **Lindsay Garrett**.

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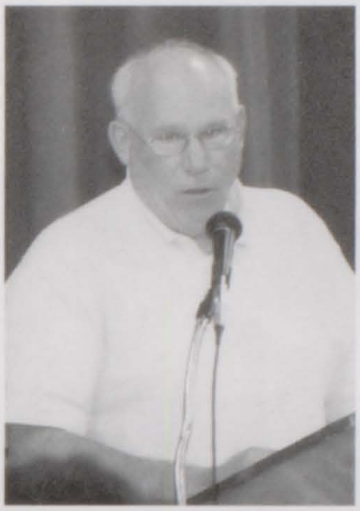
Mr Keith Nielsen is talking about the FFA members.

Nic Beck and **Jesse Hammond** listening to the awards being given out.

Mrs. Hudson gives her volleyball speech while **Lindsay Garrett** and **Stephanie Gray** listens carefully.



Coach Norm Manstedt gives a speech about how well the wrestlers wrestled this year.

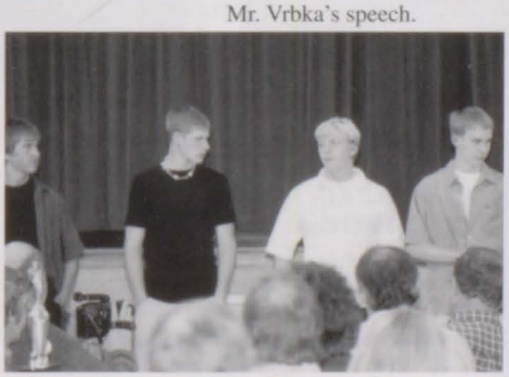
When her name is called, **Frankie Anderson** stands to receive recognition. It seems one students is always forgot by a coach/sponsor or doesn't get printed in the program. This year it was Frankie, "how could they forgot you?"

Nate Anderson and **Brian Beck** stand to receive their applause.

These football boys are reacting to Mr. Vrbka's speech.

Christina Rhodes and **Katie Holtorf** are in a good mood.

Ashley Strobel, **Hana Lindburg**, **Jonella Yrkoski**, and **Erin Hammond** were called up front for softball.



Todd Schulze, **Garrison Swanson**, **Brett Kuhn**, and **Vinny Bittinger** listen to the One-Act play coaches.

Senior girls pose for one last group photo before they graduate.

Senior boys pose for their last group photo.

Above: **Levi Lindburg** and **Holly Engel** were the Junior Marshalls selected by the senior class.

Above right: The senior girls joined the choir to sing at graduation. They sang 'The River' by Garth Brooks and Victoria Shaw.

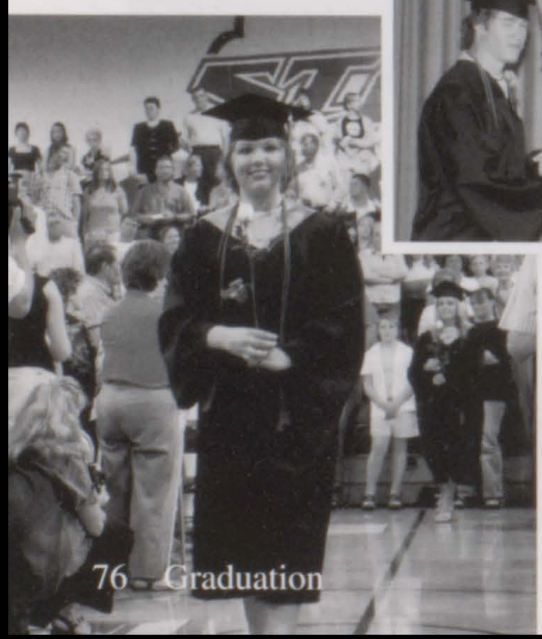
Right: **Brent Zoucha**, **Samantha Dubas**, **Casey Sneed**, and **Dustin Kufeldt** were selected to hand out programs for graduation.

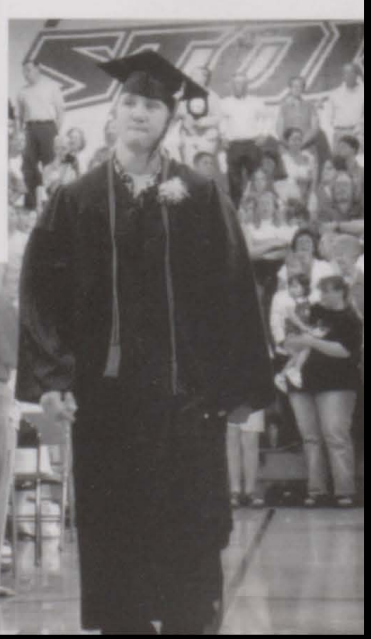
Right: **Brian Beck**, **Adam Blase**, **Gary Brockevelt**, and **Sadie Church** waiting to greet family and friends after the ceremony.

Below: **Sadie Church, Tiffany Crouch**, **Krystal Ditloff**, and **Lindsay Garrett** being congratulated for their achievements.

Right: **Ivy Hejtmanek**, **Katie Holtorf**, **Lindsey Johansen**, and **Sara Lott** visiting with each other and family after the graduation ceremony.

GRADUATION





Above left: **Austin Person** receiving his diploma from **Becky Vanhousen,** secreatry of the board.

Above right: **Eric Menke** receiving his diploma from **Linda Yrkoski,** vice president of the board.

Left: **Nichole Labarge** making her way down the aisle.

Right: **Anthony Shively** making his anticipated walk down the aisle.

Stephanie Gray Valedictorian of the class giving her address.

Class of 2004

Look at the smiles, The Class of 2004 ready to leave the gym with diplomas in hand.

Lindsey Johansen, Salutatorian giving her address to the crowd.

Graduation took place Saturday, May 8, 2004. There was a total of twenty-four graduating seniors. This was the first class to spend their entire four years of high school as the merged High Plains Community school district. Both the valedictorian, Stephanie Gray, and salutatorian, Lindsey Johansen commented on how they had become one class and not members of two schools. Tears were shed when talking to their class members and telling them what the last four years had meant to them and that this would probably be the last time they all would be in the same place at one time.

The class motto was "What appears to be the end may really be a new beginning." Their class colors were Teal, Black, and Silver. Their class flower was a White Rose tipped with Teal, and their song was "Small Town" by John Mellencamp. Jean Blase sponsored the senior class.

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Parent Dedication Ad's

to the Class of 2004

LINDSEY

WE ARE SO PROUD OF YOU AND ALL YOU HAVE ACCOMPLISHED. MAY GOD CONTINUE TO BLESS YOU AS YOU STRIVE TO MAKE ALL OF YOUR DREAMS COME TRUE. AND WHEN YOU HAVE A CHOICE TO SIT OR DANCE, WE HOPE YOU DANCE. WE LOVE YOU!

DAD, MOM AND KAYLA

Good-bye & Good Luck

Adam

I am very proud of you and I love you so much. Remembr to hold your head high, keep smiling and believe in yourself.

Love Mom,

Andrew,

The time has gone by so quickly. We are proud of you and the way you were determined to be your own individual. Your good sense of humor and your ability to enjoy life are qualities that will help you accomplish much in the future.

Good Luck!

Love,
Mom, Dad, Amy, Aaron, Abbie

ANDREW

Aly

To our wonderful daughter and sister...

Your charm, beauty, intelligence, and awesome sense of humor are just a part of what makes you the fabulous person that you are!!! You have taken all of your challenges and made them accomplishments, with a lifetime of each yet to come! Remember God and family in your life, and keep on growing, girl! We love you and are so proud of you...

Mom, Dad and Steven

(and too many pets to name here).

'P.S. Love you bigger than this world'

KRYSTAL

From little dreams
to big dreams.
May all them come true.

Congratulations

Love
Dad, Mom, Matt and Joe

Sara,

Who knew 18 years would pass in the blink of an eye?
Who knew our baby girl would grow to be a beautiful, intelligent, talented young woman?
We love you and you'll always be our baby.

Mom and Dad

Sara,

I just want you to know that you're the greatest sister anyone could have and I love you.

Hannah

Congratulations Jesse!

We are very proud of you!

Love,
Mom & Dad

J E S S E

BRIAN

Brian,

The years have gone by so quickly from the time you were a little boy to now that you are grown. So many things have occurred in your life to help form you into the great person that your are. The part of you that I treasure the most is your wonderful smile and giggling laugh that "lights up" your beautiful blue eyes and everyone around you. We are all very proud of you and wish you the very best as you enter this new chapter in your life. We pray that you always strive for the best and the road ahead of you is a smooth and safe one. God bless you always.

We love you very much,

Dad, Mom,
T.J. and Nic

Stephanie -

Congratulations! We are very proud of your accomplishments. Your hard work has produced many honors. Continue to meet the challenges that life will hand to you.

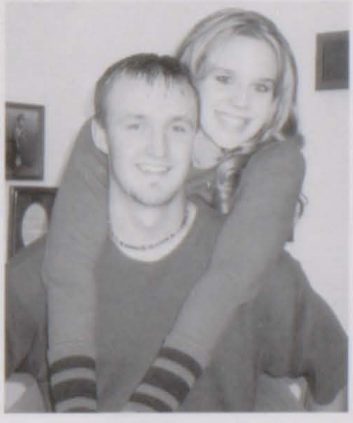
Love always,
Dad, Mom,
and Aaron

Austin, the past 18 years have been an adventure! You have always been ready to voice your opinion, tease your sisters and the cats, but above all, you have made us proud of you. With much love and hope for the future. Dad, Mom, Nov, Linds, Jesse

Dear Lindsay,

We are so very proud of the young lady you have become. We know our time to let go has come way too soon, but our hearts are full of pride when we think of all the goals and values you have set for yourself and all that you have achieved. Our hearts still ache for you having learned too soon, that life is not always fair. Despite heartbreak and tragedy, your faith and strength has made you such a beautiful young lady with a heart full of love and compassions. We thank God everyday for you as He knew from the beginning what life held in store for us, and without you here, we would've never made it thru the rough times. May God Bless You as you Reach For The Stars to make all of your dreams come true. **"Always Remember to Smile"** *and Keep looking Up!!-It's easier to see Heaven that way!*

We Love You,
Mom and Dad



"Don't ever lose your sense of wonder...Don't ever take one single breath for granted...And if one door closes, I hope one more opens. Promise me you'll give faith a fighting chance. And if you're given the chance to sit it out or dance, We Hope You ALWAYS Dance."

Psalm 118:24

Katie,

Thank you for the happiness you have brought us.

May you walk in the light of the Lord always.

God's love and ours,

Dad, Mom, Jenny, Andrew, Scott

Eric,

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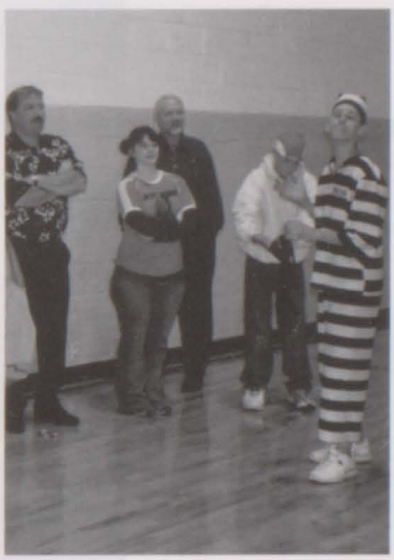

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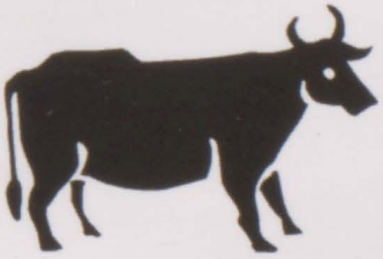

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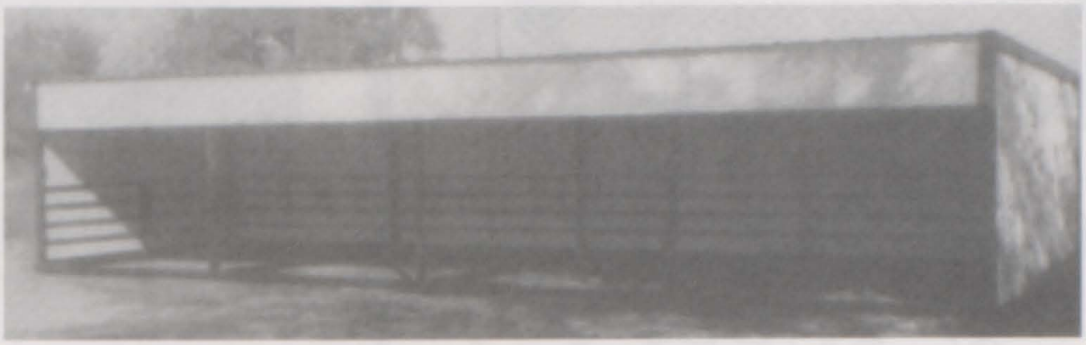

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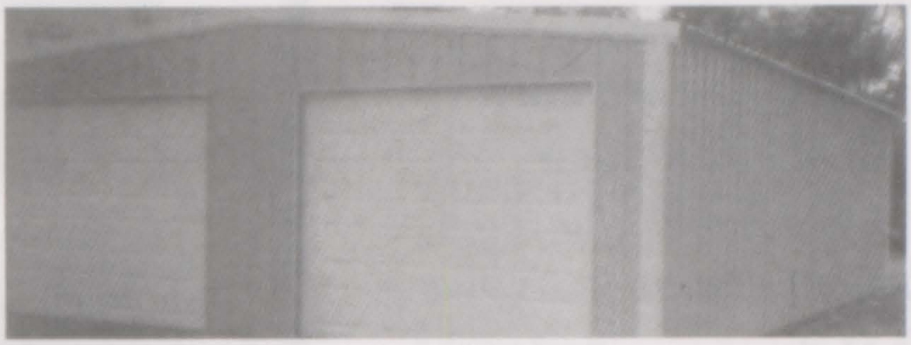

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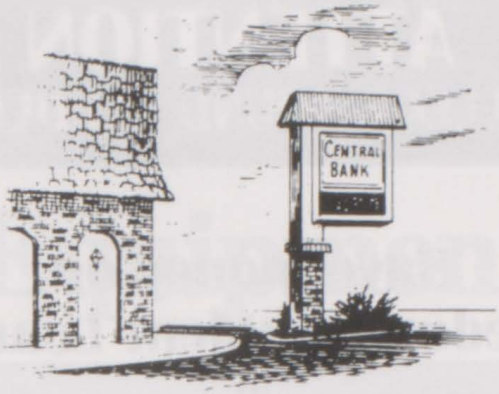

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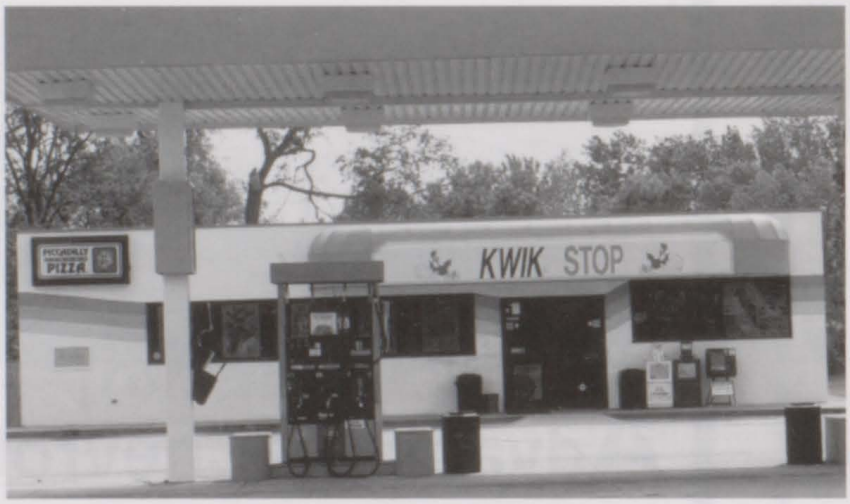

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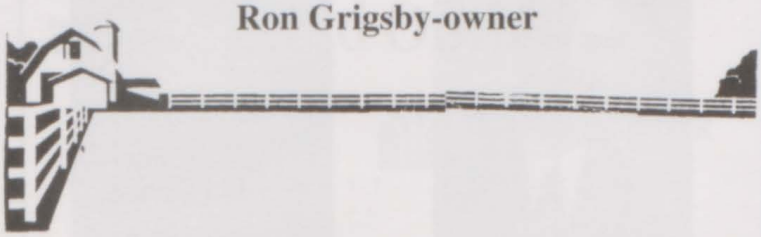

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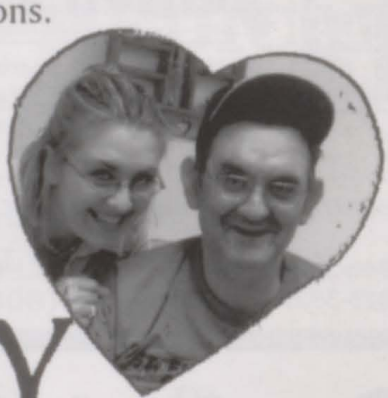

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There were 150 books printed, each containing 113 pages. Prices for the yearbook were $25, without name printed on the cover, $27 with a name printed on the cover, and $30 if purchased after August 1st. Yearbook staff members were: Nichole Labarge, Eric Menke, Dustin Carlson, Kristin Opfer, Jessica Shotoski, Dani Sneed, Whitney Flinn, Amber Swanson, Nicole Davis, and Advisor Linda Gilson.

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